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SUMMARY.

The Minister for War has promised the Opposition in the Commons the annual Army Bill before Easter.

The Nationalists have received assurances of abandonment of the whisky duties in the next Budget.

One newspaper declares the Government to have been commissioned at the recent election to suppress the Lords' insurrection.

This was to have been done by granting supply over an extended period.

The Opposition holds that the Government is complicating a possible change of Cabinet by the action over supplies.

Sir Ackland Hood anticipates Mr. Asquith's resignation within three months.

By the bursting of a dam in the Rhondda Valley (Wales), Clydach Vale was flooded, and several houses collapsed.

A number of persons, mostly children, were carried away by the torrent and drowned.

Suspense and benevolent expectancy, Sir Edward Grey says, characterise England's watch for reform in Belgium's Congo administration.

England is to be satisfied of a definite change before Belgium's annexation of the territory is recognised.

English importers are complaining of short weight in certain Victorian brands of butter.

Peary's claim to have reached the Pole is being championed in England. Shackleton is among those in his favour.

The largest copper settlements on record at the London Stock Exchange are expected by the middle of March.

The Canadian House of Commons has finally accepted the Prime Minister's naval policy.

In the M.C.C. v South Africa test match at Capetown, England, batting first, was disposed of for 417 runs.

The Reichstag not voting sufficient supplies, the Imperial German dockyards at Kiel are dismissing 600 men.

Italy has given orders for two 24,000-ton Dreadnoughts.

A Khoja merchant has donated £30,000 for scholarships and other means of training Mohammedan boys.

Duez, charged with misappropriation in Paris, has confessed to embezzling £20,000 when a solicitor's clerk.

He admits having since lost £250,000 on the Stock Exchange.

Captain Stirling, a British officer, and five men were killed in an Indian raid at Lakhi.

Mr. James Patten, who recently established a corner in cotton in America met with a remarkably hostile demonstration in Manchester.

Lieutenant Filchner states that his polar expedition is to verify certain theories about land in the Antarctic.

Kount Kamura in a message to the New York "World" writes that war between America and Japan is inconceivable.

With an increase in wages, and a dispute heard arranged, the Bradford woolcombers' strike is ended.

Lady Dudley is progressing favourably after the operation performed on Thursday.

General rains over two-thirds of the State are reported. The heaviest falls were on the north coast.

Wages lost through the coal strike are estimated to amount to £1,085,297, the miners losing £792,100.

In consequence of an alteration in conditions at the Stockton Borehole colliery trouble has arisen.

The mine, in consequence, will not start work.

Owing to difficulty with water one or two other mines will not start to-day.

Mr. H. R. Reid, for many years chairman of directors of the Melbourne Steamship Company, died in Melbourne on Friday night.

The steamer Wyreema has had to remain in Brisbane till to-day to effect repairs caused by the collision.

Another £5 note of the defunct Provincial Bank of Victoria has been passed in Sydney.

For the first time for months the haulage of wool over the railways shows a decrease. Wheat continues improving.

Captain James Stott, of the steamer Fitzclarence, was accidentally killed on the Geelong Railway Pier on Saturday.

New Zealand commenced the second innings on Saturday in the test match at Christchurch, Australia's score being 596.

At the V.A.T.C. meeting at Caulfield on Saturday the St. Kilda Cup was won by Iliad.

There are 2,207,388 bags of wheat stacked at country stations in Victoria—a record for the department.

The Commonwealth Letter Carriers' Association in drawing up in Melbourne a plan of reform for submission to the Royal Commission.

Mr. Bertram Armytage, a member of the Shackleton expedition, committed suicide at the Melbourne Club on Saturday.

The coroner in the Newmarket (Vic.) tragedy found that Mrs. Kennedy was shot by her husband, who then suicided.

A meeting of Victorian Ministerial supporters to-day will be asked to advocate acceptation of the financial agreement.

At the conclusion of the Kew (Vic.) Asylum inquiry, Nurse Chadwick was acquitted of carelessness and inefficiency.

The Inspector-General, however, thought it reasonable to accept her tendered resignation without comment.

The Superior of the Sisters of Mercy at Singleton and foundress of the order in Australasia died on Saturday.

The dredge Ulysses and a punt, while being towed up to the Richmond, were lost by their tugs on Thursday night.

The lines parted, and in a gale the two, with those on board, disappeared.

The Ulysses was found ashore on Saturday at Evans' Head, with all hands safe.

Two coxswains were on the punt whose names were unknown.

Telegrams at Byron Bay yesterday reported the men of both dredge and punt safely ashore at Evans Head.

The Auckland Harbour Board has been served with a writ for £163,687 respecting the grounding of the Kaipara.

The bowling team to play for Victoria in the interstate matches in Sydney are announced.

A big conflagration was averted by the fire brigade at Yass on Saturday.

Colonel Pollen, of the India Civil Service, declares in an interview that there is no real unrest in India.

Mr. Bowden's candidature for the Nepean (Federal) was confirmed on Saturday by a conference of the Liberal leagues.

Six delegates were appointed to ask Mr. Sydney Smith to retire.

Complaints of shortage of trucks are to hand from Lithgow.

The second race for the Sayonara Cup was won by Culwulla III. by 2 min. 35 sec.

The time allowance question may have to be remitted to England unless Culwulla leads to-day.

The ferry steamer Koree in the storm on Saturday was somewhat damaged by bumping into the Cremorne wharf.

Inconvenience to the Manly ferry steamers is reported owing to the dazzling glare from the military searchlights.

The Chief Secretary is in communication with University authorities in connection with the Dental Board.

Mr. Joseph Cook, returning to the controversy with Mr. Hughes, describes him as a political caricaturist.

The Newcastle agricultural show was interrupted by heavy rain on Saturday.

The contract of the Victorian Government Railways for Newcastle coal will ensure a reserve of 25,000 tons.

The Government will pay 15s 5d a ton for their Newcastle coal this year.

The silver and copper markets were quiet on Saturday, operations being on cautious lines, Barriers weakening a shade.

The market ruled better, however, in stock, with zinc as the staple product.

Forecast.—Becoming fine generally, but still unsettled to stormy in parts of the south-east and on the coast north of Sydney. Southerly winds chiefly.

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Stores Supply Committee,
15 Young-street, Sydney,
11th March, 1910.
TENDERS FOR BREAD.
TENDERS for the Supply and Delivery of BREAD to the Hospital for Consumptives, Waterfall, during the period commencing 1st April, 1910, and terminating 28th February, 1911, will be received at the Stores Supply Department, 15 Young-street, Sydney, up to 4.15 p.m. on THURSDAY, 17th March, 1910.
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SCONE, WEDNESDAY NEXT, 16th: 300 HEAD.
SINGLETON, March 17th, 18th, and 19th: 700 HEAD.

THE ABOVE NUMBERS WILL POSITIVELY BE YARDED.

Buyers going from Sydney can leave TO-MORROW, Tuesday, March 15, by the 3 p.m. Train, arriving at Scone at 8.10 next day, or leave Sydney by the 7.5 p.m. Train, arriving at Scone at 2.4 a.m.

Buyers can have Scone after the Sale on the 16th for Singleton.

FULL PARTICULARS ON APPLICATION.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON, 244 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY, AT 10.30 A.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Spring-carts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Spring-carts, and shafts, in good order. Horses, Vehicles, and Harness; and at 11 o'clock, Miscellaneous and Vehicles of every description. Full particulars advertised. Tel., 1301.

STABLISH HOODED VICTORIA.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. R. Addison to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Monday, at 11.30 a.m., Horse, Village Cart, and Harness, all in good order.

THOROUGH VILLAGE CART, AND BAKER'S CART.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above.

VILLAGE CART TURNOUT, R.T. SULKY, Etc.,

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. Somes to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Rose Cobham's 5-yrs. roy trial—Village Cart, and Harness; also Rubber-tyred Sulky and Saddle and Bridle; all in good condition,

ROOMED R.S. SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Smith to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Chestnut Mare, 7yrs, quiet and staunch, trial given; Roomed R.S. Sulky, and Harness; making a first-class lot.

DEALER'S VAN TURNOUT AND 2 HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. Cole to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Bay Cob, quiet and trial; Dealer's Van, and Harness; Bar Gelding, and Chestnut Gelding, sound and reliable, suit business carts.

TO TROTTING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Harold Moore to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Monday, at 10 o'clock,

Mr. Moore's Bay Gelding, by Harold Money (imp.), Dam by Lord Cleveland. Full particulars later.

LARRY, Brown Trotting Pony Stallion, 4yrs, 14 hands, by Tuxedo from an Arab mare; thoroughly quiet; child can ride or lady to drive; a dandy to city trade.

DUNDYMAN, Brown Pony Gelding, 6yrs, 14 hands, natural paces, reliable in saddle and harness; trots well.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY,

AT 2 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,

On account Mr. WM. TATE, Jamberoo.

20 South Coast Horses, comprising principally upstanding Draught Harness Horses, all in the right of work, in good condition, broken in.

On account Mr. G. G. HISS, Marsden Park,

10 Fine-class Ponies, comprising pair Bay Fillies, 15 hands, 4 years old, by the champion trotting pony, CLEVEDO, unbroken; pair Black Fillies, 15 hands, 3 and 4 years old (full sister to), unbroken; Black Mare, 3 years old, 15.3 high, by CLEVEDO, dam a LITTLE GIANT; Bay Gelding, 4 years old, 15 hands, harnessed; 2 Black Mares, 3 and 4 years old, 14 hands high, by CLEVEDO, broken to saddle and harness; pair Piebald Mares, about 3-2 high, 5 and 6 years, broken, quiet to sad. and harness; well-bred Bay Mare, a good hackney.

On account Mr. FRED. ANDREWS, Kingswood,

4 Really good Draught Horses, 1 upstanding Saddle and Harness Mare, and 1 extra choice Pair, all 5 and 4 years old, in splendid condition, broken and unbroken.

On account Mr. JOHN PERRY, Dehangera,

20 Specially good heavy draught Colts and Fillies, all the one brand, 3 and 4 years old, in grand condition, unbroken, to which the particular attention of BREWERS, MILLERS, HEAVY CARRIERS, and OTHERS.

On account Messrs. PRATLEY and MARSHALL, Wellington,

25 HIGH-CLASS HORSES, comprising
15 Exceptionally Good Heavy and Medium Draught, 4 to 6 yrs old, all in good condition, broken and unbroken.
10 Upstanding Light Harness Horses, all the right ages, broken in.

Included in the lot are a well-bred Ches. Pony Mare (by Sir Lancelot from Kitty Gray), perfect as saddle; also a very fine Bay Gelding, 5yrs, 16 hands, suit doctor's cob.

On account Mr. G. J. LOVE, Wellington,

10 Splendid heavy and active draught Horses, all 4 to 6 yrs old, in tip-top condition, broken and unbroken.

On account City Firm,

8 Business-like Horses, broken in, suit butchers or bakers; among the lot is a brood mare with foal at foot, and staunted again.

On account Northern Agents, Musselbrook,

10 Useful light harness and saddle Horses and Mares, daughters, principally 4 to 6 years old, broken and unbroken.

On account of Owner,

D.K. Brown Gelding, broken to harness.

On account Mr. S. J. BLACK, Gleneria,

Roan Gelding, 5 years, broken in, fit for van work; also brown Gelding, 4 years, good all-round horse, suit a tradesman's cart.

On account Mr. J. NEIL, Gleneria,

4 Medium draught Horses, all broken to harness.

On account of Owner,

Chestnut Gelding and Grey Gelding, both good harkneys.

On account Mr. JOHN O'CONNOR,

9 Useful light harness Horses and 1 Bay Pony Mare, very fast in harness.

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of

DAIRY PLANT,

ON THE PREMISES, QUEEN-STREET,

ALEXANDRIA,

WEDNESDAY NEXT, MARCH 16th, AT 2.30 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. D. Beaton to sell by auction as above,

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DENT and PERRY will sell by auction at REDFERN STATION, THIS DAY, at 6.15,

Hay, Straw, Chaff, Maize, Pumpkins, Potatoes.

DENT and PERRY will sell by auction at Newtown Station, THIS DAY, at 5 o'clock, Wood, etc.

DENT and PERRY will sell by auction at Darling Harbour, THIS DAY, at 8 o'clock, Wood, etc.

IMPORTANT SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, AT 11 A.M.

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FOY, in horseshoe.

1 CASE CHILDREN'S COSTUMES.
1 CASE LADIES' HATS.

SALVAGE, SALVAGE,

Removed from

YORK HOUSE, 60 YORK-STREET,

including

H. H. HALL'S STOCK

of

HIGH-CLASS ENGLISH AND AMERICAN ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,

comprising—

BUTTER DISHES, PRESERVE STANDS, CAKE BASKETS
SALVERS, CAKE AND FRUIT STANDS, ROSE BOWLS
SALAD BOWLS AND SERVERS, BISCUIT BARRELS
FANCY DISHES, ENTREE DISHES, BREAD PLATE
FANCY CLOCKS,

SALT-CELLARS, FRUIT SPOONS, SUGAR AND CREAM JUGS
AFTERNOON TEASPOONS, KNIVES, FORKS, AND SPOONS,

IN CASES.

LADIES' TOILET TABLE SETS, PHOTO. FRAMES
HAIR BRUSHES, TRINKET SETS, LADIES' FITTED LEATHER BAGS
TRIMMED HAT.
GENTS.S FITTED TRAVELLING CASES.

LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GILT JEWELLERY.

CUTLERY, RAZORS, SCISSORS.

MARBLE AND WOOD TIMEPIECES
ALARM CLOCKS
FANCY BASKETS AND TRINKWARE,

and

9 CASES TABLE, DESSERT, AND TEA SPOONS, and TABLE AND DESSERT FORKS,

Etc., Etc.

G. H. MUNT'S STOCK,

comprising—

OVERMANTELS, BRACKETS, FRAMED PICTURES
BRASS LOCKS AND MORTICE FURNITURE
GLASS-VENT AND SHADE-LIGHT SQUARES
METAL PANELS AND ORNAMENTS,

Etc, Etc.

D. S. McPHAIL AND SON, LTD., STOCK

of

IRISH LINEN CANVAS, White and Brown, Plain Goods, Sateens, etc., etc.

NORMAN BAKER'S STOCK

of

OSOTO WRITING AND COPYING INKS
BOND'S MARKING INKS, Etc.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ON ACCOUNT OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF LOTS, THE AUCTIONEERS BEG TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE SALE WILL COMMENCE

AT 10 O'CLOCK SHARP.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY

will SELL the above, WITHOUT RESERVE,

AT THEIR MART, 124, 126, and 128 CASTLEREAGH-STREET,

TO-MORROW, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

SURRY HILLS, REDFERN.

THIS (MONDAY) MORNING, AT 11 SHARP,

ON THE PREMISES,

21 GT. BUCKINGHAM-STREET, NEAR CLEVELAND-STREET.

As Fully Detailed in Saturday's Issue.

12 ROOMS GOOD AND CLEAN FURNITURE.

Full Iron-frame Upright Grand PIANOFORTE, in excellent condition.

Double and Single Bedroom Appointments.
Drawing-room Suite and Hall Furnishings (which have been stored only a few months).
Lovely Carved Oak Timpiece, Vases, and Ornaments.
Walnut and Bamboo Overmantels, Pictures, Whatnot.
Walnut Genoa and Plush 7-piece Drawing-r. Suite.
Dining Table, Sideboard, H.B. Dining Chairs.
Splendid 10-piece Bloscomfield Bedroom Suite.
3 Minor Suites.
Combinations, W'stand, and Toilet Ware.
Pearl and Brass mtd. Assorted Bedsteads.
Glass, Crockery, Enamel Ware.
Dresser, Table, Safe, Ladder, and the usual Household Requisites.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB,

AUCTIONEER.

BALMAIN.

THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, AT 2.30.

At 100 BIRCHGROVE-ROAD, opp. Coal Mine. Tram to Town Hall.

THE SURPLUS FURNITURE AND EFFECTS OF 5 ROOMS.

IN GOOD ORDER AND VERY CLEAN. NO RESERVE.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB, will sell, WITHOUT RESERVE, Particulars in SATURDAY'S (12th) issue.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16,

AT ELEVEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK,

AT OUR SALEROOMS, 56 YORK-STREET.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION

of

"DARRACQ" MOTOR-CAR,

10-12 H.P., DOUBLE CYLINDER, MAGNETO AND ACCUMULATOR IGNITION, SIDE-ENTRANCE BODY, SEATING FIVE, FOLDING CAPE, HOOD, LAMPS, TOOLS and ACCESSORIES, and ELEGANTLY FURNISHED.

THE ABOVE CAR HAS ONLY BEEN IN USE 12 MONTHS, AND IS IN PERFECT ORDER.

Also Two Valuable

"DE DION" AND "ASTER" CARS,

as per details in Saturday's issue of this paper.

Also,

A CARRYALL AND TWO BUILDIES,

in splendid order and condition, and built by one of the Best Sydney Manufacturers.

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

DEAN AND CO.

(D. H. VALLANTINE, AUCTIONEER),

GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 56 YORK-STREET.

TELEPHONE, CITY 2917.

LEICHHARDT.

THIS DAY, AT 10.30 SHARP.

TO TRADE BUYERS, PARTIES FURNISHING, AND OTHERS.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND TOTALLY UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,

On the Premises, RENWICK-PLACE, off Norton-street (near Parramatta-road).

THE BROADWOOD PIANOFORTE, DRAWING, DINING, AND BEDROOM FURNISHINGS of 10 ROOMS.

Drophead Singer Machine, 3-Roller Mangle, Gent.'s Bike, E.P. Ware, etc., etc.

Full particulars in last Saturday's Herald.

D. AND W. BAINES, Furniture and General Auctioneers, will conduct the above Important Sale.

NOTE.—EVERY LINE TO BE CLEARED. Auctioneers' 'Phone, 99 Petersham.

CITY.

228 CROWN-STREET, NEAR OXFORD-STREET.

AUCTION SALE,

THIS DAY, MONDAY,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.,

at the above premises.

Under Instructions from Mr. E. CHURCH,

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,

comprising

AUSTRIAN SUITE, SIDEBOARD, OVERMANTEL, Curtains, Linoleums, Wicker Chairs,
BEDROOM SUITE, DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEADS, Comb. Chests, Cedar Rt. Table, Chairs,
K. Dresser, Crockery, Glassware, E.P. Ware, Cutlery, Saucepans, etc., etc.
Marble Washstands, Pictures.

H. WOOLNOUGH AND CO.,

GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,

59 GOULBURN-STREET, OPP. A HORDERN'S.

Tel., 1710 City.

THIS DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.

HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, 459 George-st., Haymarket, CLOTHING, BOOTS, FANCY GOODS, LINOLEUMS, JEWELLERY, etc. NO RESERVE.

TUESDAY NEXT, MARCH, at PARBURY'S WHARF, off Lower Fort-street, at 3 p.m.

On account of whom it may concern.

With all faults.
In Bond.

Ex "Penrhyn Castle," marked MCE in diamond.

94 CASES INVICTA CEMENT.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., will sell by auction, the above.

SALVAGE. SALVAGE.

WEDNESDAY, 16th MARCH, AT THE CITY MART, 9 SPRING-STREET,

AT 11 A.M.

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Removed from the Scene of the Late Fire,
Messrs. RYLAND and SONS (Col.), Ltd., York House, 50 York-street.

BY ORDER OF THE FIRE ASSESSORS.

THE

WHOLE OF THE SALVAGE STOCK,

consisting of

WHITNEY BLANKETS,

GREY AND WHITE SHEETINGS.

GREY AND WHITE CALICOES.

PLAIN AND STRIPED FLANNELETTES.

PILLOW CALICOES.

FLANNELS.

HOSIERY.

BLUE AND WHITE TICKING.

FANCY TICKING.

HARVARD SHIRTING.

HARVARD SHIRTS.

TERRY TOWELLING.

TOWELS.

BLACK, SLATE, AND GREY SILESIA.

MADAPOLAMS.

CREAM DAMASK.

CREAM HOLLAND.

PLAIN AND STRIPED HESSIAN.

JAPANESE SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.

TARPAULINS.

THE ABOVE IS OPEN FOR INSPECTION, AND CATALOGUES CAN NOW BE OBTAINED ON APPLICATION AT OUR ROOMS.

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FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., have received instructions from the Fire Assessors to Sell by Auction, the above, WITHOUT RESERVE, on WEDNESDAY, 16th MARCH, AT 11 A.M.

N.B.—The Sale of FURS, GLOVES, Etc., will be held at our Rooms, on WEDNESDAY, 16th MARCH, at 11 A.M.

HORNSBY JUNCTION

Mount Errington Side, handy Station.

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY FOR BUYERS.

TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), AT 11 A.M.,

at WILANDRA, WILLIAM-STREET,

By Order of

FRANK WILKINSON, Esq.,

who is leaving for the country.

IMPORTANT SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
VALUABLE MODERN FURNITURE AND GENERAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS
of Drawing, Dining, Several Bedrooms, and complete Outbuildings, all in excellent order.
The Principal Furnishings were supplied by Beard, Watson, and Co., and special mention may be made of

A MAGNIFICENT DOUBLE BEDROOM SUITE, in Fumed Oak and Copper Fittings, Lead Lights.
ALSO A DOUBLE BEDSTEAD TO MATCH.
SPLENDID INLAID LINOLEUMS,
SUPERB WIDE HALL CARPET, in Royal Axminster.
BLACKWOOD DWARF BOOKCASE.
SMALL LIBRARY CHOICE BOOKS.
MAGNIFICENT ROSEWOOD PIANOFORTE, in Burr Walnut Case, all improts.
CARPET SQUARES, LACE CURTAINS.
SEVERAL VALUABLE PAINTINGS, Eminent Artists.
SILVERWARE, TABLE CHINA, and GLASSWARE.
SINGER SEWING MACHINE, grand order.
FURNISHINGS OF SEVERAL BEDROOMS
of a most desirable character.
MAGNIFICENT GAS STOVE, the Paragon,
Culinary Utensils, Tools, Hose, Barrow, Mower, Meeting, and everything. WITHOUT RESERVE.

INSPECTION FROM 9.30 A.M. ON SALE DAY.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUES are ready, and will be posted free and promptly on receipt of name and address by the Auctioneers.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS.

TELEPHONE, TWO DOUBLE O'BURWOOD.

TO STOREKEEPERS, COUNTRY BUYERS, GLASS, CHINA, AND FURNITURE WAREHOUSEMEN.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, AT 11 A.M. SHARP.

On the Premises,

244 PARRAMATTA-ROAD, PETERSHAM.

Under Instructions from Mrs. E. LEVY, who is Retiring from Business.

The Whole of the

CLEAN, NEW, AND WELL-ASSORTED STOCK OF A FURNITURE WAREHOUSE,

comprising

NEW FURNITURE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
BEDSPREADS and BEDDING, TOILETWARE.
28 ROLLS LINOLEUM, OILCLOTHS.
CHINA and GLASSWARE of EVERY DESCRIPTION.
CARPETS, MATS, TAPESTRIES, TOYS, TINWARE.
ENAMELLED WARE in Every Variety.
VASES, ORNAMENTS, FANCY GOODS, Ironmongery, CUTLERY, STATIONERY, ELECTROPLATE, Tenants, and
GENERAL STOCK-IN-TRADE.

BY A LANE.

VILLAGE CART, SMALL SPRING VAN.

BARNARD AND CO.

will sell by auction as above.

POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

Auc. Offices and Mart, 140 Castlereagh-street.

DEAN SLATTERY'S LIBRARY,

ON VIEW THIS DAY, MONDAY,

at

THE PRESBYTERY,

CORNER OF WELLINGTON AND LENNOX STREETS, NEWTOWN

(CLOSE TO NEWTOWN RAILWAY STATION),

and will be sold

BY PUBLIC AUCTION, IS ONE LOT,

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY,

AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,

AUCTIONEERS.

THIS DAY,

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. R. Joseph, of 4 Flinders-street, Darlinghurst.

At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.
At 3 o'clock, Sundries and Jewellery.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30, AT 80 BATHURST-STREET.

N. RUMSEIEN will sell ELECTROPLATED EGG CRUET, SALVERS, TRAYS, etc., COMPUTING SCALES, WINCHESTER REPEATING RIFLES, Medicine Chest, Steel Trunks, Bedstead, Tables, Jewellery, Clothing, Kitchen Ware, Sundries.

NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m.—AT 7 WOODSTOCK-LANE, near 8 Woodstock-street, Waverley. Leave from Council chambers, Bondi-road.—UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

FERGUSON and GREVILLE, auctioneers.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON will sell, THIS DAY, at 10, at 25 Calder-road, Redfern (near Shepherd-st), Household Furniture, Bedsteads, Combinations, Bamboo Suite, Couches, Tables, Chairs, Glassware. A clean lot.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON will sell, THIS DAY, at 2.30, at 54 Goodlet-street, Balmain, off Mullens-st., Household Furniture, Chests Drawers, Toilet Ware, Dresser, Dining Table, Austrian Chairs, etc., etc., etc.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M. AND 2.30,

AT 253 PITT-STREET.

C. BROWN will sell Unredeemed Pledges, Job Lines Unclaimed Goods.

ORDER OF SALE,

by

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd.,

at the Rooms, 88 Pitt-street,

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, 15th MARCH,

at 11.30 a.m.

POTTS POINT.—COMO, WATER-FRONTAGE RESIDENCE, Wylde-street, 10 rooms, etc., one of the best positions on the Point.

LINDFIELD.—A MAGNIFICENT SUBDIVISION BLOCK, 66ac. 29per., LANE COVE-ROAD, TREATT'S and NELSON ROADS, close to station.

BURWOOD.—SHOP PROPERTY.—2 Brick Shops, BURWOOD-ROAD, near station, rental £104 p.a.

SHARES.—CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—further particulars on application to the Auctioneers.

REAL ESTATE.

COMBINED AUCTION SALE.

ROYAL EXCHANGE,

CORNER PITT AND BRIDGE STREETS,

SYDNEY.

(Enter Pitt-street Entrance, take Lift).

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, MARCH 15th,

AT 11.30.

Under Auspices

WESTERN SUBURBS REAL ESTATE AGENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Full particulars last Saturday's Herald and Telegraph.

RELIABLE Williams' Visible Typewriter, second-hand, for £6, cheap machine. Stott and Hoare, Moore-st.

DELICIOUS and good is understood. Understand C "PINEAPPLE" BACON, "PINEAPPLE" BRAND.

CHEAP SITES IN ADVANCING SUBURB (Lakemba), Next Sat., on Ground. Litho. R. and W. Ltd.

POSTPONED

ON ACCOUNT OF THE WET WEATHER TILL

NEXT SATURDAY,

20th MARCH, 1910,

ON THE GROUND,

AT 3 O'CLOCK,

URARA ESTATE, LONG BAY,

50 CHOICE LOTS.

HARDIE AND GORMAN,

AUCTIONEERS.

SMALL INVESTORS—COME OUT NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON!

BEACH FRONTAGES.

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on 3 sides of Little Coogee Bay. 61 Big Allotments for Auction Sale on such Very Easy Terms. The proposed tram is surveyed to run through the

LITTLE COOGEE BEACH ESTATE.

The place to make money. Big blocks of well-grassed level Land, for a small monthly payment. Prices are low now, so when the direct tram comes along early buyers will make good profits. Anyhow, it's a delightful spot to live at, and such Ocean Frontages are scarce.

ILLUSTRATED BOOKLETS AND PLANS FROM

AILDIS and CO., LTD., The Auctioneers, Bondi Junction.

Or, W. DAY, Estate Agent, Coogee.

THE MERRENBURN ESTATE,

WILLOUGHBY,

NEXT SATURDAY, ON THE GROUND, AT 3 P.M.

Owing to inclement weather, the Sale on Saturday last was Postponed until SATURDAY Next, the 19th inst.

LITHOS. ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE AUCTIONEERS.

BATT, RODD, AND PURVES, LTD.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

SUMMER HILL.

A DETACHED COTTAGE, known as Pomona, fronting HERBERT-STREET, opposite the Public School. It is built of brick (cemented), on stone foundations, has verandah (tiled) in front, and verandah at rear, and contains hall, 6 rooms, bathroom, and pantry; washhouse of wood, detached workshop, fernery, stable, and buggy shed, etc., of wood. Land, 51ft 6in x 150ft. Torrens Title.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above Cottage, Herbert-street, Summer Hill.

Messrs. Deane and Deane, Rowe-street, Mortgagee's Solicitors. (5077)

PADDINGTON,

AT BELLEVUE HILL TRAM.

BY ORDER OF THE

PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO., LTD.,

as Trustees in the Estate late J. Eggers.

Brick-built HOUSE, No. 24 GURNER-STREET (between Glenmore-road and Cumberland-street), slate and iron roof, verandah and balcony in front, hall, entrance, and containing hall, 4 rooms, linen closet, kitchen, and washhouse; bathroom and first shed of brick and wood. The land has about 16ft 6in frontage to GURNER-STREET, by a depth of 101ft back to a lane. Rent, 22s 6d per week.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above Dwelling, in an elevated position, at Paddington. (5105)

PENNANT HILLS-ROAD, CARLINGFORD,

ON THAT BEAUTIFUL RIDGE WEST OF THE RAILWAY STATION, FROM WHICH MAGNIFICENT VIEWS ARE ENJOYED.

THE FLOWER FARM, in area 11 ACRES and 25 PERCHES, fronting the PENNANT HILLS-ROAD and TINTERN-ROAD, adjoining HATFIELD COLLEGE, and only 1 minute's walk from CARLINGFORD STATION. The Cottage is delightfully situated, is built of weatherboards, and contains verandah in front, 4 rooms, bathroom, pantry, kitchen, and laundry; bedroom of DAUGHTER.

An ADMIRABLE SITE for a RESIDENCE in this PICTURESQUE DISTRICT, surrounded by HIGH-CLASS PROPERTIES, or suitable for SUBDIVISION PURPOSES.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above choice Property at Carlingford. Plan on view at the Rooms. (5088)

INSPECTION FROM 9.30 A.M. ON SALE DAY.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUES are ready, and will be posted free and promptly on receipt of name and address by the Auctioneers.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS.

TELEPHONE, TWO DOUBLE O'BURWOOD.

NORTH SYDNEY,

ONE OF THE FINEST POSITIONS IN THIS ATTRACTIVE SUBURB.

SURROUNDED by HIGH-CLASS RESIDENCES, including Gresham, the residence of Hon. Jas. Hughes, M.L.C., and The Priory, the residence of Mrs. T. Fisher.

A VALUABLE CORNER SITE,

having frontages of

150ft to the West side of EDWARD-STREET,
100ft to the South side of ELIZABETH-STREET,

SITUATED between MOUNT and BERRY STREETS, together with a HOUSE and COTTAGE, Nos. 36 and 38 BERRY-STREET, thereon. They are built of stone and brick, and contain, respectively, 7 rooms, kitchen, and offices, and 5 rooms, kitchen, and offices, also stabling.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above Property, on the HEIGHTS OF NORTH SYDNEY.

Messrs. NORTON, SMITH, and CO., O'Connell street, Solicitors to the owners. (5101)

GEORGE-STREET, CITY.

In that active centre between MARKET AND PARK STREETS,

opposite the

QUEEN VICTORIA MARKETS,

21 YEARS' LEASE

OF THAT VALUABLE BLOCK OF LAND, having 20ft 4in frontage to GEORGE-STREET, with the great depth of 165 FEET 8½ INCHES, APPROACHED ON THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY BY A LANE.

THE PRESENT SITE OF

No. 340 GEORGE-STREET

Occupied Messrs. Mick Simmons and another, Building Covenant of £3,000 to be expended within first year of lease. The Lease and a Plan of the Property on view at the rooms of the Auctioneers.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will lease by Auction, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, MARCH 18, at 11.30 a.m., the above 21 YEARS' LEASE of Building Allotment.

GEORGE-STREET, CITY.

TO CAPITALISTS, BUILDERS, AND

CROWN'S NEST, NORTH SYDNEY.

THAT VALUABLE and EXTENSIVE CORNER BLOCK of LAND, having Frontages of

120 FEET to PARK-STREET (CLOSE TO RAILWAY STATION),
74 FEET west side of ALEXANDER-STREET,
74 FEET to lane on other side.

On it are the following Income Buildings:—
2 Weatherboard Shops, Nos. 5, 5, and 7 Falcon-st.
Corners at corner of Falcon and Alexander streets
2 Semi-Cottages in Alexander-street, of brick.
and A SPACIOUS AREA upon which to ERECT NEW PREMISES.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above described Freehold, in an important position on North Sydney TORRENS ACT. (5103)

MORELAND-STREET, REDFERN.

THREE HOUSES, Nos. 46, 48, 50, built of brick, front ornamental, in harley-stone, each 4 rooms, hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, one has extra room and stabling. Rentals, £221 3s per annum. Title Land-holds, about 44 years; purchase on low balance of ground rental, say, £1 10s per annum.

THE LAND is occupied with houses, say 49ft frontage, depth over 100ft.

R. Fife, Esq., of 146 King-street, is solicitor for owner.

AUCTION SALE FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (5102)

CANTERBURY.

East of the TOWN HALL, and only a short distance from the RAILWAY STATION.

A LARGE BLOCK OF LAND, suitable for SUBDIVISION into Building Sites, or as a FACTORY SITE, in area

44 ACRES 38 PERCHES,

fronting Wentcott-street and Pine-street, also a large frontage to Cup and Saucer Creek. Torrens Title. Plan on view at Rooms.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, MARCH 18th, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above Land, to be sold in ONE LOT.

GLENBROOK, BLUE MOUNTAINS.

On the Southern Side of the Line, Short Distance West of the Railway Station.

FOUR HALF-ACRE BUILDING SITES, opposite a GOVERNMENT RESERVE, Comprising Lots 1 to 4, Sec. 35, Government Resbd. of the VILLAGE OF GLENBROOK, each having 125ft frontage to PRINCE-STREET, depth 104ft 5ins to a Lane. Plan on View at the Rooms.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by Auction, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above Sites at GLENBROOK. (

BEALE GRAND PRIX PIANOS.

Unsurpassable Quality.

In tune, in touch, in tone, in design, in woodwork, in metalwork, in frame, in tuning-system, in carvings, in action, in felt, in glue, in castors, in sconces, in strings, in polish—in every detail of material, of workmanship, and of system of manufacture, in every attribute, the BEALE AUSTRALIAN PIANOS are of unsurpassable quality. They are built throughout on the most up-to-date, scientific principles, by thoroughly competent workmen, guided by experienced management. They contain features which cannot be obtained in any other pianos—patented steel tuning-system, patented cross-plied woodwork, patented hexagonal bass-strings, patented cast-in hitch pins. The system of manufacture in many respects is far ahead of the practice of the piano-makers of Great Britain, Europe, and America, and in every other respect it is equal. The quality of the materials is the best that money can buy. Then how can there be any better pianos? The demonstrable fact is that there are no pianos—German, English, French, American, or any other—even equal to the Beale Australian Pianos. We do not claim that there are no other high-grade pianos, but we do most emphatically assert that BEALE PIANOS, by reason of our patented inventions and our improved system of manufacture, are superior to all others, good as some of those others undoubtedly are. Come and see them for yourself. Write for Catalogue and circulars. Compare them with all the other pianos you know of, see which is superior—and you will decide to buy a BEALE.

Awarded Grand Prix, Diploma of Honor, and Two Gold Medals at the Franco-British Exhibition, 1908.

THE THIRTEEN THOUSANDTH BEALE PIANO IS NEARLY COMPLETE.

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378 GEORGE-STREET (3 Doors from G.P.O.), SYDNEY.

NEWCASTLE, BATHURST, GOULBURN, and ORANGE.

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BRANCHES and TRAVELLERS EVERYWHERE.

Direct from Factory To Family. Write for Catalogue, or for Representative to Call. CASH OR EASY TERMS. 25 YEARS' GUARANTEE.

REPAIRS AND TUNING. OLD PIANOS ALLOWED FOR.

SAVE IMPORTERS' PROFITS BY BUYING DIRECT FROM THE MANUFACTURERS.

CANADIAN BORN.

BY MRS. HUMPHREY WARD.

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CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

A step beside her startled her, and she looked up to see Delaine approaching.

"Out already, Mr. Arthur! But I have had breakfast!"

"So have I. What a place!"

Elizabeth did not answer, but her smiling eyes swept the glorious circle of the lake.

"How soon will it all be spoilt and vulgarised?" said Delaine, with a shrug. "Next year, I suppose, a funicular, to the top of the glacier."

Elizabeth cried out.

"Why not?" he asked her, as he rather coolly and deliberately took his seat beside her. "You applaud telephones on the prairies; why not funiculars here?"

"The one serves, the other spoils," said Elizabeth eagerly.

"Serves whom? Spoils what?" The voice was cold. "All travellers are not like yourself."

"I am not afraid. The Canadians will guard their heritage."

"How dull England will seem to you when you go back to it!" he said to her, after a moment. His tone had an under note of bitterness which Elizabeth uncomfortably recognised.

"Oh! I have a way of liking what I must like," she said, hurriedly. "Just now, certainly, I am in love with deserts—flats or mountainous—tempered by a private car."

He laughed perfunctorily. And suddenly it seemed to her that he had come out to seek her with a purpose, and that a critical moment might be approaching. Her cheeks flushed, and to hide them she leant over the water's edge and began to trail her finger in its clear wave.

He, however, sat in hesitation, looking at her, the prey of thoughts to which she had no clue. He could not make up his mind, though he had just spent an almost sleepless night on the attempt to do it.

The silence became embarrassing. Then, if he still groped, she seemed to see her way, and took it.

"It was very good of you to come out and join our wanderings," she said suddenly. Her voice was clear and kind. He started.

"You know I could ask for nothing better," was his slow reply, not without dignity. "It has been an immense privilege to see you like this, day by day."

Elizabeth's pulse quickened.

"How can I manage it?" she desperately thought. "But I must—"

"That's very sweet of you," she said aloud, "when I have bored you so with my raptures. And now it's coming to an end, like all nice things. Philip and I think of staying a little in Vancouver. And the Governor has asked us to go over to Victoria for a few days. You, I suppose, will be long there and long gone, and going back by Seattle and San Francisco?"

Delaine received the blow—and understood it. There had been no definite plans ahead. Tacitly, it had been assumed, he thought, that he was to return with them to Montreal and England. This gentle question, then, was Elizabeth's way of telling him that his hopes were vain and his journey fruitless.

He had not often been crossed in his life, and a flood of resentment surged up in a very perplexed mind.

"Thank you. Yes—I shall go home by San Francisco."

The touch of haughtiness in his manner, the manner of one accustomed all his life to be a prominent and considered person in the world, did not disguise from Elizabeth the soreness underneath. It was hard to hurt her old friend. But she could only sit as though she felt nothing—meant nothing—of any importance.

And she achieved it to perfection. Delaine, through all his tumult of feeling, was sharply conscious of her grace, her reticence, her soft dignity. They were exactly what he coveted in a wife—what he hoped he had captured in Elizabeth. How was it they had been snatched from him? He turned blindly on the obstacle that had risen in his path, and the secret he had not yet decided how to handle began to run away with him.

He bent forward, with a slightly heightened colour.

"Lady Merton!—we might not have another opportunity—will you allow me a few frank words with you—the privilege of an old friend?"

Elizabeth turned her face to him, and a pair of startled eyes that tried not to waver.

"Of course, Mr. Arthur," she said, smiling. "Have I been doing anything dreadful?"

"May I ask what you personally know of this Mr. Anderson?"

He saw—or thought he saw—her brace herself under the sudden surprise of the name, and her momentary discomfiture pleased him.

"What I know of Mr. Anderson?" she repeated, wondering. "Why, no more than we all know. What do you mean, Mr. Arthur? Ah, yes, I remember, you first met him at Winnipeg, we made acquaintance with him the day before."

"For the first time? But you are now seeing a great deal of him. Are you quite sure—forgive me if I seem impertinent—that he is—quite the person to be admitted to your daily companionship?"

He spoke slowly and harshly. The effort required before a naturally amiable and nervous man could bring himself to put such an uncomfortable question made it appear particularly offensive.

"Our daily companionship?" repeated Elizabeth in bewilderment. "What can you mean, Mr. Arthur? What is wrong with Mr. Anderson? You saw that everybody at Winnipeg seemed to know him and respect him; people like the Chief Justice and the Senator—what was his name—and M. Mariette. I don't understand why you ask me such a thing. Why should we suppose there are any mysteries about Mr. Anderson?"

Unconsciously her slight figure had stiffened, her voice had changed.

Delaine felt admonitory qualm. He would have drawn back; but it was too late. He went on doggedly:—

"Were not all those persons you name acquainted with Mr. Anderson in his public capacity? The success of the strike of last year, you have told me, was due to his influence. Mr. Arthur!"—she cried, breathing quick. "What is it you ask me, I think Mr. Anderson carries his history in his face."

Delaine pondered a moment, while Elizabeth waited, challenging, expectant, her brown eyes all vivacity.

"Well—some facts have come to my knowledge," he said, at last, "which have made me ask you these questions. My only object—you must, you will admit that!—is to save you possible pain—a possible shock."

"Mr. Arthur!"—the voice was peremptory—"if you have learnt anything about Mr. Anderson's private history—by chance—without his knowledge—that perhaps he would rather we did not know—I beg you will not tell me—indeed—please!—I forbid you to tell me. We owe him much kindness these last few weeks. I cannot gossip about him behind his back."

All her fine slenderness of form, her small delicacy of feature, seemed to him tense and vibrating, like some precise and perfect instrument strained to express a human feeling or intention. But what feeling? While he divined it, was she herself unconscious of it? His bitterness grew.

"Dear Lady Merton!—can you not trust an old friend?"

She did not soften.

"I do trust him. But—" her smile flashed—"even new acquaintances have their rights."

"You will not understand," he said, earnestly. "What is in my mind came to me, through no wish or will of mine. You cannot suppose that I have been prying into Mr. Anderson's affairs! But now that the information is mine, I feel a great responsibility towards you."

"Don't feel it. I am a wilful woman."

"A rather perplexing one! May I at least be sure that"—he hesitated—"that you will be on your guard?"

"On my guard?"—she lifted her eyebrows proudly—"and against what?"

"That is precisely what you won't let me tell you."

She laughed—a little fiercely.

"There we are; no forgarder. But please remember, Mr. Arthur, how soon we shall all be separating. Nothing very dreadful can happen in these few days—can it?"

For the first time was there a touch of malice in her smile?

Delaine rose, took one or two turns along the path in front of her, and then suddenly stopped beside her.

"I think," he said, with emphasis, "that Mr. Anderson will probably find himself summoned away—immediately—before you get to Vancouver. But that I will discuss with him. You could give me no address, so I have not been able to communicate with him."

Again Elizabeth's eyebrows went up. She rose.

"Of course you will do what you think best. Shall we go back to the hotel?"

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ITALIAN ARTISTS ARRIVE.

Italian opera, and more especially the beautiful music of Puccini, so emotional in its sentiment, so captivating in the significance of its melody—that is what is meant by the arrival of Mlle. Bel Sorel and her colleagues on Saturday! Not since the winter of 1901, when Mlle. Bassich and Carlo Dani were here, have Sydney playgoers seen any work of this modern master upon the stage, and now they are to witness "Madame Butterfly," the latest manifestation of his genius.

The strange thing about the new artists is that none of them happen to have appeared in the work. None the less the newspaper cuttings they bring with them prove that one and all have had an excellent career, though even the famous prima donna, Bel Sorel, is still young. Coming direct from Genoa by the German line, the whole party left Melbourne by train on Friday to save time, and were welcomed in Sydney by Mr. J. C. Williamson's representatives, Signor Hasson, Mr. Henry Bracy, and Mr. Claude McKay. Signor Hasson joined hands with his son, Mario, back again after several years at home in Milan, and a little later the genial conductor was introducing the musical and dramatic critic of the "Herald" to the principals at Le Chalet, Darlinghurst.

Mlle. Bel Sorel, a pretty woman, with shining dark eyes, and a vast amount of vivacity, is French in her alertness of mind and manner. Already she speaks English with some fluency, having visited London as a girl seven years ago, when she sang at concerts given at St. James' Hall by Sarasate, and also by Paderewski, and toured the provinces before resuming her operatic career in Italy. This artist has with her her mother, Mme. Emma Sorel, a dramatic soprano who appeared in many of the great capitals of Europe, and more especially in Berlin, so that she was recognised and hailed as a celebrity by the captain of the Konigin Luise—a refreshing compliment after a long retirement. This lady taught her daughter singing, but long before her voice had developed, little Bel had toured Germany and Denmark as a child-pianist. Her vocal career was precipitated by rapturous applause after a piano recital at the Salle Erard, Paris. The girl of fourteen was tired of playing encores, so sat herself down to the instrument and audaciously sang a charming little "Romanza." Another encore was the result, followed by the cry of the critics next morning that she was a born singer, with a naturally clear diction. Then ensued more serious study in Milan, and a brilliant debut at the Teatro Lirico in Massenet's "Manon." Bel Sorel sang also in the French composer's "Cendrillon" and in his "Werther," was much admired by him, and was presented with his autographed photo, "bearing words most laudable which I would blush to repeat," remarked the prima donna, who was all the same playfully eager to unlock her trunk in order that everyone might read them! At Warsaw Mlle. Sorel sang in "Carmen," "Traviata," and Leoncavallo's "La Boheme," "Traviata," and "Faust" at Bologna. The prima donna reports the latter as good-natured, not jealous, and unspoiled by success. Two years ago she sang the role of Carmen with acceptance at Madrid, and is naturally proud of the fact, as Carmens in the Spanish capital are very particular. Carmen is not allowed to dress trendy, as at the Paris Opera Comique, but is quite the poor cigarette-girl, and then as the gipsy, "picturesque, yes, but not expensive." Mlle. Sorel sang this opera with Fazzini, a famous tenor, and Battistini, the great Italian baritone. In the last act the processions before the Circus were gorgeous, and Carmen drove on with Escamillo in a carriage. "Look you," concluded La Belle Sorel, "I make advances with my English, I learn to love the Australians, and why not I acquire the true, pure Australian accent? Why not?" repeated the newcomer with energy. And she will take it back to Italy, too!

Mlle. Ely Barnato is almost an American, born in Mexico, educated at Nice (France), and then taken to New York, where she studied singing under the best masters. This young lady, with refined features, large brown eyes, and a girlish figure, has only been on the stage three and a half years, and she, too, has her mother with her. "With this new company of Williamson's," observed one of his managers, "you will discover a perfect epidemic of mothers!" Miss Barnato went to Paris for her debut, which took place at the Opera Comique in Delibe's chef d'oeuvre, "Lakme," singing it in the original high key with success. Her engagements include appearances with the famous San Carlo Company (directed by Henry Russell, brother of Landon Ronald), in the United States, where she appeared as Gilda at the New York Academy of Music, and other roles, besides singing with the stars at the Metropolitan Opera House Sunday Concerts, in opera in Switzerland, and in concerts during a tour in England.

Signorina Maria Pampari, another girlish soprano, whose good looks are those of the darkly melancholy Italian type that suddenly lightens in the sweetness of a smile, brings with her a certificate to show that she sang at La Scala, Milan (her native city), before she was 22, and that was during the Lenten Carnival season of 1908. The youthful Maria has quite a repertoire, including Elsa, besides creating new roles, at Venice and elsewhere, with Signor Zerga, the tenor of the new combination. Signorina Pampari does not speak English, but she sang Mimi's aria, telling of the lilies and roses she embroiders in her garret, and how when the sun shines in they speak to her of love, with a beautifully precise pronunciation of the English verse.

Signor Giovanni Zerga was born of Italian parents in Boston, where he sang a great deal as a lyric tenor before completing his studies in Milan under Cesare Rossi and the great tenor Emilio Maestello. He made his debut at Venice, has since acquired a repertoire of 26 operas, and is in every way an artist of ripe experience. "In regard to my new role as Lieutenant Pinkerton," added the tenor with a smile, "I really am an American, which ought to be considered an advantage."

Signor Antonio Zanelli, the new baritone, was born at Iquique, Chili, and in boyhood was educated at an English school. Since studying under Pinterni at Milan Conservatorium, he has been three years on the stage, made his debut at Ferrara as Escamillo, has sung many roles, and has appeared in England a few times since his engagement by Signor Hasson for Mr. Williamson's season.

Mr. Henry Bracy, the leading tenor, who is a Londoner, brings with him the gold medal of his year (1907) at the Guildhall School of Music (London), as from amongst 2700 students the most distinguished. In Milan he studied under Signor Sabbatini, and subsequently sang in many of the principal theatres in Italy, and has besides made several important appearances in England.

BLACK-AND-WHITE EXHIBITION.

There is now on view at Messrs. Angus and Robertson's handsome picture gallery a considerable collection of pen and ink drawings by Mr. Lionel Lindsay, one of "Bulletin," as well as a portrait in oils of the late Phil May, signed by himself, and bearing the legend "It's Me." The only outside contributions are those in the characteristic manner of Aubrey Beardsley. These drawings will be recognised in the majority of instances as the originals of caricatures, portraits, and illustrative subjects published in the pages of the "Bulletin," and cover a wide range of humorous idea, vivid presentment, and imaginative conception. The list of contributors includes the names of Messrs. Percy F. S. Spence, Alf. Vincent, Geo. W. Lambert, Will Dyson, Frank P. Mahony, Norman Lindsay, Lionel Lindsay, B. E. Minns, Hugh McCrae, Ben Jordan, J. Pearce, Hal Gye, Harry T. Weston, Harry Garlick, D. H. Souter, H. M'Leod, Fred Leist, J. A. Taylor, G. Bron, Douglas Fry, Hans Heyson, A. J. Fischer, and Misses Mab Treeby and Ida S. Rentoul. This exhibition, which embraces nearly 250 drawings, will be on sale at the gallery until April 11.

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Luncheon was served in the small pavilion, and dinner at 6 p.m. in the pavilion. At the latter Mr. T. Farrington presided, and was supported by Messrs. Anthony Hordern, H. S. Gillett, J. H. Harris, E. Porter, and the members of the committee.

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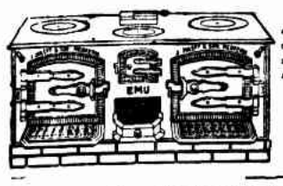

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FARM AND STATION.

CROSSBREEDING SHEEP.

In these days of small flocks and many owners with eager eyes on the potentialities of the fat lamb market and export mutton trade, crossbred sheep are likely to largely increase in numbers in the near future. This being so it is just as well to realise that very many of those who are now adopting sheep-farming are not fully seized of the essentials in the art of sheep-breeding, which should by no means be confounded with the business of sheep-farming. Very few of our farmers have the opportunity of obtaining any great knowledge of breeding, and often it is doubtful whether they hold any definite idea as to the type of sheep necessary to give them the best returns. This is sometimes responsible for the idea that any big woolly animals of the sheep family are good enough to reproduce their species for the purpose of selling when the exchequer needs replenishing. There are many instances of people who, seeing others make a fair living out of sheep, at once come to the conclusion that the animals are money-spinners, and without knowing anything about the business, buy a few sheep and breed away quite regardless of what they produce. They do not recognise fully that sheep-breeding is not a matter of chance, but needs special ability and knowledge of the great basic principle underlying it. Nor do they realise that there are breeders of pure stock who are doing the work that beginners are unable to do for themselves, and that these breeders are at the same time acting as the safeguards so vitally necessary to prevent the sheep with in our borders degenerating into a lot of nondescript mongrels. When they do hear a breeder of such and such a type mentioned, he is sometimes considered simply as a man who is endeavouring to live upon the sheep farmer by charging fancy prices for stud stock, which the tyro fancies he can produce himself by means of any old ram and frame of a ewe. With such sheep farmers a sheep is just a sheep, and so long as it wears wool, little or much of any grade, it will serve. The result in time is a mongrel flock with all uniformity of breed or type scattered to the winds. When it is thought necessary to select a new sire, almost anything that can be called a ram is good enough, and accordingly as to whether wool or mutton appears to be selling best at the moment, so the preference is given to English or merino sheep. Local or general conditions are disregarded, and in a few years' time the profit-making capacity of the flock, probably always small, has faded away to vanishing point, and the farmer finds himself in possession of a scrubby lot of weeds of sheep, always hungry and willing to eat anything, but absolutely incapable of paying for their keep, let alone being able to help their owner meet his liabilities.

Indiscriminate and injudicious mixing of breeds is the greatest possible hindrance to the improvement of a farmer's sheep. Supposing a man starts off with a good average lot of merino ewes, and proposes to maintain his flock by retaining the best of his ewe lambs every year. On the strength of his opinion that a mutton lamb will prove most profitable, he buys, say, a Shropshire ram, and in this is right, provided his ewes and ram are got from standard flocks of both breeds. He gets his first lot of lambs, which look well, but when full grown do not seem to be quite so well woolled as he would like. After a little consideration, he decides to purchase a Lincoln or Leicester ram, which he reasons will lengthen the staple and still retain the mutton characteristics he set out to obtain. Unfortunately, however, the result of this cross is not up to expectations, and in desperation he reverts to the merino, and a ram of this strain is introduced. This last addition only succeeds in mixing things a bit more, and in despair he perhaps tries every known breed available in his endeavour to get out of the mess he has made, but finds that each change only makes confusion worse confounded.

The mistake was in not sticking to the first cross and giving it a fair trial, carefully noting all the surrounding conditions. If dissatisfied with ultimate results, he should have strenuously endeavoured to find out the cause or causes of the weaknesses objected to in the sheep he produced. His real trouble commenced when he started putting crossbred ewes to another ram without definite ideas on the subject. It is well known amongst breeders that in a second mating of animals the breeding results are likely to be most diverse, and the progeny of the second ewes is influenced in various directions by the prominent characteristics of the different ancestral strains according to the degree of potency existing in them. Such progeny cannot fail to lack the uniformity which is desired. Not only is lack of evenness a feature, but in crossbreeding many undesirable points are apt to make their appearance, merely because of the very act of crossing, breaking the line of purity in the blood, and leaving it, as it were, diluted and weak in the last decanting. Crossbreeding is a work to be undertaken with the greatest care and consideration, and its continuation needs the advice and instruction of an expert, otherwise instead of producing a sheep that is desirable both for wool and mutton purposes, small growers only succeed in accentuating mongrelism in their flocks, and getting further away at every turn from the type of sheep they need.

ITEMS.

The Department of Agriculture is shipping by the Marama, which leaves to-day for Canada, 900 cases of apples and about 60 cases of pears, the product of the Bathurst Experimental Farm. This is going forward purely on the speculation of establishing a market.

A return prepared by the Railway Department on Saturday shows that there are 2,207,388 bags of wheat stacked at country stations in Victoria, as compared with 1,290,260 bags stacked this time last year. This is a record in the history of the department.

On returning from a visit to the country near Rosedale, where the State authorities have established small experimental farms, the Victorian Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Graham) expressed the opinion that this land was "the poorest on God's earth." He added: "If I were compelled to spend 12 months in Pentridge gaol, or 12 months on this Rosedale land, I would choose Pentridge."

HISTORIC HAWKESBURY.

AROUND RICHMOND.

FRUITGROWING ON THE RIVER.

A NOTED STUD.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

II.

While Richmond is the smaller of the two towns adjacent on the Hawkesbury, its growth has been similar to that of Windsor. It has made very little progress of late years, due largely to the land being held and occupied by a few, and there is little more available. One hears of a few holdings which for size suggest that even this district may have its closer settlement problem. Around the town one has the small farm under ideal conditions, and those who possess farms on the Richmond bottoms, as the flats are called, are fortunate.

The flats at the present time present a picture of rural contentment which would be difficult to excel. When the heavy rains of a month or so ago occurred there was an anxious time for the farmer, who, with visions of previous floods, was not desirous of having one at the present juncture. But it is a good number of years since there was such a happening. Weather reports from the direction of Goulburn were scanned, and fortunately the rains on the southern highland were not heavy enough to cause the river to overflow; although it came along in great style at times. Much of the land on the flats is held by tenants, or is leased hold, while with others it has been in the family for generations. Many of the farmers are substantially prosperous, even with small holdings, which yield handsomely. This year's growth of lucerne is in the nature of a record, but few remember such returns as have been experienced; while the hay crops have been of a bountiful character. Another crop which is attracting attention is broom millet, and the present prices of this commodity make it a very desirable crop to grow. Harvesting operations have been in progress for some time, and here, as elsewhere, the farmer is at times at his wits' end to get labour. It is one of the most difficult problems the man on the land has to face, and that sufficient labour is not offering is a matter for regret. On the banks of the Hawkesbury are some splendid orchards, and there has been some development in this direction of late years. Fruitgrowers have found the soil answers readily when properly cultivated, and for summer fruits it would be difficult to beat the returns from these orchards. Some good livings are being made on small areas. Agnes Banks is one of those centres where there are some successful orchardists who have nothing to complain about, but only ask for good seasons. One of these, a Mr. C. Devlin, finds an eight-acre patch sufficient to keep him going and save money. Asked as to whether he was satisfied with regard to prices of fruit this season, he replied in the affirmative. He pointed out that for much of his fruit he had received up to 12s per half-case, for peaches (Hayles' Early), while, when the glut was on and the controversy raged over cheap fruit, Mr. Devlin received from 4s 6d per half-case for Elberta peaches containing from three to four dozen peaches. In the orchard are 800 trees, and the soil is black sandy loam. The trees are pruned on modern principles. The orchard was planted out about 12 years ago. A good deal is made out of early tomatoes, the varieties grown being Burwood Prize and Redstone, the fertilising element contributing to their growth being stable manure only. It is pointed out, however, that good prices can only be obtained for first-quality fruit properly coloured, and above all properly graded and packed; this applies in all cases, and one must grow the best to get results. Mr. Devlin also grows peaches to catch the late season market, and he will have a splendid lot of "Italians" this season. This peach is one of the best for preserving, as it retains its flavour better than any other variety. At this centre apricots are also a profitable crop, and there is a steadily increasing area of trees being planted out of this popular summer fruit. Unfortunately, at Agnes Banks there is little land available which is not already occupied. This fact is noted in the Public school, which is at present used as a private residence. In its youthful vigour it had an average attendance of 80, but when it closed a few years ago its roll call totalled 11. The explanation is that the one-time scholars have had to seek "fresh fields and pastures new" for the outlet of their energies, as there was not sufficient land available for them. The children of Agnes Banks are now taken to Richmond school by the drag provided by the Department of Education.

From Agnes Bank one can make their way along the flats to the fine bridge which spans the river and connects North Richmond with Richmond. There is a fine sweep of country here, and further north can be noticed the gorge through which the Grose forces its way from the valleys of the Blue Mountains. The hills rise up in rugged grandeur, and the faint blue tinge seems all the more emphasised. It is on these hills—the Kurrajong—that some of the best of our orangeries have been established.

Before the Kurrajong proper is reached, however, there is some interesting country passed through in the climb upwards. Prominent and standing out conspicuously is Belmont Park, owned by Captain Philip Charley, and managed by Mr. William Charley. It comprises some 3500 acres, and is devoted to the breeding of horses and cattle, and the stud has become famous for its imported hackney and coaching stallions and red polled cattle. In introducing the hackney, Captain Charley brought a breed of horses which is comparatively new to Australia. In England it is recognised as the leading source for all round light work. It is claimed that the chief characteristics of the breed are a combination of size, stability, quality, speed, and action. The general conformation is low set, short, thick cobbiness, rarely obtained in other breeds which possess the same amount of activity. Experiments have been made at Belmont Park in crossing the hackney with other breeds, and the results have been eminently satisfactory. The English coach horse has a reputation all the world over. From the days of the old stage coach in England up to the present time this breed of horses has been acknowledged an indispensable variety in the stud-masters' hands. Mated with our light blood mares the English coacher will get progeny suitable for remounts or harness work. Nearly 20 years have elapsed since the stud started its hackney and coach horse breeding, and the highly satisfactory results have warranted the purchase of such notable sires as Moncrieffe Statesman, who died recently, Vanity Fair, and Count Risby. The red polled cattle are numerous on the estate. They have their origin in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, where they have been carefully bred for a great number of years with a view to establishing a breed possessing the dual purpose of beef and milk production. It is claimed that Belmont Park possesses the largest stud of red polled cattle in the world.

LAND SELECTED.

The following is the usual official statement showing the lands selected under the Crown Lands Acts and the areas made available for settlement thereunder during the week ended March 2, and during the eight weeks from January 1 to March 2:—

Class of Holding.	During the week ended March 2.		During the 8 weeks from Jan. 1.	
	No. of Applicants.	Area. Acres.	No. of Applicants.	Area. Acres.
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
Original conditional purchases	27	5,935	151	32,875
Conditional leases applied for simultaneously with and in virtue of these O.C.P's.	(16)	7,971	(87)	38,735
Conditional purchase leases	39	14,375	63	24,009
Special conditional purchase leases	..	..	1	120
Original homestead selections	..	..	24	6,453
Original settlement leases	1	2,512	34	69,999
Settlement purchases	1	960	73	73,190
Total of new settlers	39	31,185	246	326,981
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
Additional conditional purchases (of Crown lands)	17	3,871½	125	18,736
Conditional leases not taken simultaneously with O.C.P.'s	10	2,821	148	48,408
Additional homestead selections	2	630	8	2,814
Additional settlement leases	..	..	1	844
Additional conditional purchase lease	..	..	1	65
Total	29	7,322	273	71,865

In addition to the area made available prior to January 1, 1910, the following areas have been specially set apart for settlement:—

ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.	No. of Blocks.		No. of Blocks.	
Original conditional purchases and conditional purchase leases thereof	5	1,805	23	10,326
Original conditional purchases	1	300	8	946
Conditional purchase leases	46	17,600	81	29,181
Special conditional purchase leases	—	—	5	1,600
Original homestead selections	—	—	27	12,057
Original settlement leases	33	11,345	34	68,423
Settlement purchases			133	130,660
Total	85	31,050	311	253,196
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
All forms of additional holdings	14	10,400	127	81,446
Additional conditional purchases	1	71	2	74
Additional homestead selections	2	71	4	89
Total	17	10,531	133	81,609

BUTTER FACTORIES.

NOWRA.—The Nowra Co-operative Dairy Company made 53½ tons of butter in February, and 216 boxes were exported. A small consignment was sold at the last London sales at 122s per cwt. Suppliers received 9½d per lb net on last month's accounts, the cheques aggregating £4486.

DAIRYING.

ALSTONVILLE.—At the monthly meeting of the directors of the Alstonville Co-operative Refrigerating Company on Friday, the secretary's report stated that for two months of the present year the output of butter amounted to 232 tons, valued at £23,000.

LAND BOARDS

ALLOTMENT OF FARMS.

TAMWORTH.—On Friday, the local land board, Mr. E. J. Halliday (chairman), Messrs. M. G. Cunningham, and T. M. Newman, allowed the following Pialla way and Walhallow farms to successful applicants:—O. Hobbs, West Tamworth, farm 52½ acres; E. H. Muggleton, Tamworth, farm 10,302½ acres; John Patterson, Germanton, farm 15,402 acres; G. C. M'Caffin, Wodonga, Victoria, farm 24,405½ acres; T. Marshall, Singleton, farm 23,375½ acres; Harry Hiscock, junr., Netherby, Victoria, farm 3263 acres; R. Whitten, Gowrie, near Tamworth, farm 21,416½ acres; S. J. Flynn, Tamworth, farm 15,320 acres; T. Magney, Woollahra, farm 3320½ acres; G. Passfield, Narrabri, farm 4267 acres; H. Johnston, Attunga, near Tamworth, farm 33,269½ acres; W. Smith, Singleton, farm 26,415½ acres; Thomas Hanes, Manilla, farm 7403½ acres; Chas. Duning, Duri, near Tamworth, farm 6518½ acres.

TAMWORTH.—The local land board continued its sittings on Saturday in regard to the Pialla way and Walhallow farms. The following were allowed:—Farm No. 14, of 410 acres, to W. S. Knox, of Tamworth; No. 11, of 217 acres, D. Lee, Wombramurra station, near Tamworth; No. 22, of 615 acres, E. G. Brady, Currabubula; No. 30, of 2292 acres, T. W. Sands, Kelvin, near Gunnedah.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

GOULBURN.—It is regarded as practically certain that there will be many local applicants for the Richlands subdivision blocks. The land at present is fairly heavily stocked, and prospective applicants are aggrieved because the lease has been extended to the date of balloting. The effect will be that those who obtain the land will have a short supply of grass at the start, whilst if stock had been removed now, there would be plenty of feed in a few weeks. Though the late potato crops at Taralga look fairly well, it is the general belief the yield will not be anything like that of last year.

MOLONG.—The farmers have already taken full advantage of last week's beneficial rainfall, and are now vigorously engaged in ploughing operations. A record area will be put under crop this year. Major Claude Smith experienced no difficulty in letting 4000 acres of his Nandillyan and Boomey properties on the halves system, and the men are at present engaged shifting their plants to these two estates.

PARKES.—Ploughing operations are being pushed on with renewed vigour since the recent rain. A number of the district farmers are accepting the lesson taught by the results of the departmental experiments carried out last season on Mr. Nash's farm, and intend sowing Comeback and Rhymer wheats this year.

WELLINGTON.—Many of the farmers in the Wongarbon district have made a good start with their ploughing. Every available acre is being cleared up, and it is certain that the area under cultivation will be largely increased.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

BYRON BAY.

BYRON BAY.—Heavy rain set in early and continued with strong south winds all day on Thursday. The attendance was small. In the pig section there were 118 entries, but little over 30 exhibits. Berkshires predominated, and prizes went to Messrs. Jackson, Rays, Armstrong, and Carberry. There were few exhibits in British blacks and Tamworths. The exhibits in dogs were very limited, and the species were not of much account. Messrs. Boyd, Larney, and Grey getting ribbons for some. In the horse section Virtue and Noble won with the best saddle hack. Best gentleman rider, Noble. Lady rider: Miss Noble. Bareback hunt: J. Akers, 1; Cosgrove, 2. In implements, ploughs single: A. Barnes. Reversible: G. Reading. Sulky, unvarnished: A. Barnes. Painted: Barnes. Straight-cuts: A. Barnes. Tip: A. Barnes; also in spring carts: A. Barnes. The agricultural and horticultural exhibits were very poor.

BERRY.

BERRY.—The day allotted to the farmers' events for maiden exhibits proved very interesting to a large gathering. The principal events, farmers' race for horses, was won by J. Fields. The gate takings amounted to £31/16/. Awards:—

Maiden and district day, pair plough horses: P. Fields, W. Rankin, 2. Spring cart horse: Wimley Bros., 1; Turner, 2. Family buggy horse: H. Cunningham, 1; J. Bligh jump: J. C. Nelson, 1; H. Mooney, 2. Hunters: A. Cooper, 1. Light harness horse: M. Pullman, 1; J. Lumsden, 2; J. Hannigan, 3. Pony in saddle: W. Cockerell, 1; J. M. King, 2. Equestrienne: Miss M'Gee, 1; Miss Dawson, 2. Bay rider: W. Mooney, 1; R. M'Leland, 2. Girl rider: Alvis Duncan, 1; C. Graham, 2. Trotting contest: W. Rankin, 1; W. Sinclair, 2. Buggy ponies: W. Watt, 1; Dr. Georg, 2; Pony jump: W. Rankin, 1; J. N. King, 2. Heavy-weight hunters: T. Connors and J. Chittick, equal; Roy Forrest, 3. Buggy horses: J. Lumsden, 1; Nelson Bros., 2. Pony jump: W. Rankin, 1; J. N. King, 2. Heavy-weight hackney: T. Abbott, 1; J. Emery, 2. Pony in harness: J. Devitt, 1; R. Cockerell, 2. Best rider: J. Turner, 1; Captain Forrest and W. Sinar, equal, 2.

CROOKWELL.

CROOKWELL.—The horse section was not as strong as usual, and, reviewing the exhibition as a whole, there is a noticeable shrinkage in nearly every section. The district is renowned for its wealth of potato production, yet there were only a few exhibits of tubers. Apples grow to perfection in this bracing climate, yet there was but a small collection of this fruit. Any slackness in exhibition is certainly not due to limitations of Crookwell productivity. In the cattle section fat stock took a prominent place, but dairy cattle were weak, in consequence of the discontinuance of dairying by many farmers. Some very good types of Berkshire pigs were seen in the yards. Among the awards were:—

Horses.—Trotting mare, 3yrs or over: J. Costigan's Rose Wilks, 1; P. Kennedy, 2. Pony stallion, 14 hands and under: Harry Benaley, 1; Cullen Bros., 2. Ditto mare: W. Willoughby, 1; C. Hewitt, 2. Pony foal: Cullen Bros., 1; P. O'Brien, 2. Draughts—Stallion, 3yrs and over: Geo. Plumb. Mare, 4yrs and over: J. Kell, 1; W. Martin, 2. Gelding, 4yrs and over: C. Howard, 1; W. Cady, 2. Ditto, 3 to 4 years: J. Moon, 1; T. M'Cormack, 2. Ditto, 2 to 3 years: J. Moon, 1; J. Howard, 2. Yearling colt: C. Plumb, 1; J. Churchill, 2. Yearling filly: J. Hill. Foal: J. Churchill, 1; J. Kelleher, 2. Pair farm horses: Jas. Howard, 1; P. Lonard, 2. Trotting mare or gelding: J. Costigan's Rose Wilks, 1; S. Munro, 2. Special prizes—Handicap trot: H. Cooper's Brazil, 1; J. Costigan's Hilda Rose, 2. Trotting mare: S. M'Paul. Best foal, by Champion Charlie: J. Churchill. Ditto, by Young Scotchman: Jas. Kelleher. Heavy draught stallion: Geo. Plumb. Pony stallion: H. Benaley. Ditto, 14 hands and under: H. Benaley.

Dairy Cattle.—Durham bull, 3yrs or over: John Berry, 1; T. Emery, 2. Ditto, under 3yrs: Raymond Randall, 1; C. Plumb, 2. Cow: John Barry, 1 and 2. Durham heifer, under 2yrs: J. Moon, 1; John Keith, 2. Ayrshire bull: Alf. Swan. Cow: A. Emery, 1; Cullen Bros., 2. Heifer under 2yrs: A. Emery. Pen three dairy heifers, 2 to 3 yrs: John Keith, 1; John Barry, 2. Pen dairy heifer yearlings: A. Emery, 1; John Barry, 2. Dairy heifer, 2 to 3 yrs: John Keith, 1; J. Barry, 2. Yearling heifer: A. Emery, 1; J. Moon, 2. Pen dairy cows, dry or milking: A. Emery, 1; C. Plumb, 2. Dairy cow, not in milk: John Barry, 1; J. Moon, 2. Champion bull for dairy purposes: John Barry, 1; T. Emery, 2. Dairy bull calf, under 12 months: R. Randall, 1; J. Barry, 2. Dairy heifer calf, under 12 months: J. Moon, 1; A. Emery, 2. Special prizes: Champion Durham bull: J. Barry. Champion dairy cow: J. Barry. Dairy Durham bull, under 3yrs: R. Randall. Ditto, heifer: J. Moon. Champion dairy heifer: J. Moon. Champion Durham bull: John Barry, 1; T. Emery, 2. Dairy Durham bull and cow: J. Barry. Black Polled Angus heifer: John Barry. Best group dairy cattle: J. Barry. Dairy bull and progeny: J. Barry.

Sheep.—British breeds—Lincoln ram, four-tooth and over: Robert Nixon's Roslyn, 1; C. Smith, 2. Ditto ewe: Robert Nixon, 1 and 2. Ram, two-tooth: Robert Nixon, 1 and 2. Ditto ewe: R. Nixon, 1 and 2. Ram lamb: R. Nixon, 1 and 2. Ram lamb and ewe: Robert Nixon, 1; C. Coles, 2. Shropshire ram: R. Nixon, 1 and 2. Ewe: R. Nixon, 1 and 2. Romney Marsh ram: M'Martrie Bros., 1 and 2. Ewe: Robert Nixon. Champion Lincoln ram: Robert Nixon. Ditto ewe: Robert Nixon. Special prizes—Best Lincoln ram and ewe: C. Coles. Pen four-tooth Lincoln ewes: Robert Nixon. Ram, ewe, and two ewe lambs: R. Nixon. Pen three fat wethers: M'Martrie Bros., 1 and 2. Crossbred wethers: C. Coles, 1 and 2. Crossbred ewe: Robert Nixon, 1; C. Coles, 2. Merino lambs: John M'Intosh, 1 and 2. Crossbred lambs: John Keith, 1; C. Coles and Robert Nixon divided, 2. Best fat sheep: C. Coles, 1; F. Churchill, 2. Best butchers' sheep: C. Coles, 1; J. M'Intosh, 2. Special prizes—Pen three fat lambs: J. M'Intosh. Pen fat longwool ewes: Robert Nixon. Fat lambs: John Keith. Fat crossbred wethers: C. Coles. Ditto lambs: John Keith.

Pigs.—Sheepdog: T. Charnock, 1; C. Plumb, 2. Slut: J. Dooley. Cattle dog: J. Watman. Slut: W. Bensley. Greyhound: Master Eroni. Fox-terrier dog: S. Downes. Slut: W. Wade.

The principal prizewinners in the poultry section were:—R. Power, F. Davidson, Mrs. C. Rye, L. Wallace, Mrs. W. Randell, C. Anable, D. Hayes, E. Mills, W. Kingsland, Sheriff Bros, H. Aldridge, Mrs. W. Parker, W. Bensley, C. Allport, C. Stephenson, R. Howland, J. Hill, W. Warn.

SECOND DAY.

The attendance was large, but extreme cold caused a shrinkage in the number, compared with some previous years. The first-class hunt provided the most attractive feature of the ring events, and Mr. Weir's Lady Betty scored a popular win against the same owner's Redleap. Miss Cameron again won the honour in competition for the best lady rider. There was great interest in harness horses, but ponies formed a good class.

Additional awards:—

Horses.—Pair heavy draught horses: W. Martin, 1; J. Moon, 2. Mare and foal: J. Kelleher, 1; Chas. Plumb, 2. Pony gelding, 14 hands and under: John Barry, 1; Pearce and Charles, 2. Spring cart: Bailey Bros., W. Hill, 1; S. M'Paul, 2. Boy rider, under 14 yrs: Thos. M'Cormack. Ditto, with pony and turnout: J. Barry. Lady rider: S. M'Paul. Pair buggy ponies, 13 to 14 hands: H. J. Cooper, 1; P. Mara, 2. Galloway hackney: J. Costigan. Pair harness ponies, under 13 hands: G. Mowatt. Galloway, in harness: M. P. Levy.

Farm Produce.—Milling wheat: Shepherd Bros. White oats: C. Plumb. Algerian oats: W. Hills. Rye: C. Plumb. Potatoes.—Chaffey Bros. Sweet, purple, streaked skin: Cullen Bros. Ditto, whites: Cullen Bros. Trusshay: C. Watman. Sheaf hay: C. Plumb. Ditto, wheaten: J. Hill. Sheaf oats: J. Hill. Ditto, wheaten: J. Hill. Special prizes: Chaffey Bros. Collection potatoes: P. Kadwell. Sample oaten hay: C. Plumb. 3 bags Algerian oats: E. Lowe, 1; J. Leahy, 2.

Dairy Produce.—Box butter: Crookwell Factory, 1; Argyle Factory, 2. Three pounds butter: Crookwell Factory, 1; Argyle Factory, 2. Ditto, private dairy: Miss A. Willis, 1; Mrs. C. Plumb, 2. Side bacon: W. J. Leary. Ham: W. Leary. Hen eggs: W. Emery. Duck eggs: Fred Parker.

Collection vegetables: J. Sing. Pumpkins, marrow, beans, peas, cabbage: J. Sing. Potatoes, onions: S. Baxter. Ditto, Spanish: J. Kadwell. Tomatoes: J. Kadwell.

Horses.—Pony, 13 hands and under, driven: Pearce and Charteris, 1; H. Cooper, 2. Gentlemen's

BIRTHS.

CAYLEY.—February 23, at Alric, Bellevue-road, the wife of Lieutenant H. P. Cayley, Royal Navy—a son.

MARRIAGES.

BERESFORD—RYAN.—February 5, at St. Mary's Cathedral, by the Rev. P. Murphy, Arthur Mordaunt de la Poer, eldest son of A. G. D. Beresford, of North Adelaide, South Australia, to Mary Elizabeth, second daughter of James Ryan, of Oberon, N.S.W.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS.

KABLE—MILLS.—March 13, 1850, at St. Matthew's Church, Windsor, N.S.W., by the Rev. H. T. Stiles, John Henry, eldest son of the late John Kable, to Rosena E. Mills, third daughter of the late John Mills, of Windsor. Present address, Boura, Railway-crescent, Banksia.

DEATHS.

AVIS.—March 12, 1910, at her daughter's residence, 24 Wellington-street, Waterloo, Lucy Ann, relict of the late J. O. Avis, native of Bristol, in her 85th year. At rest.

BRIGGS.—March 12, 1910, at her residence, 48 St. Mary-street, Camperdown, Fanny Sarah Briggs, relict of the late Frederick Henderson Briggs, in her 67th year. By request, no flowers.

CROOKSHANKS.—March 13, at his late residence, 54 College-street, Balmain, Hugh, dearly loved husband of Janet Crookshanks, in his 67th year. At rest. By special request, no flowers.

DIXON.—March 12, suddenly, at Moss Vale, Edward Dixon, of Collingwood-street, Drummoyne, aged 79 years.

GORMAN.—March 12, 1910, at his residence, The Glen, Allison-road, Randwick, Michael Albert Gorman, late of Crown-street, Surry Hills, aged 68 years. By request, no flowers.

HEAVEN.—March 13, 1910, at her residence, Hughenden, Upper Bayview-street, Lavender Bay, Christina, relict of the late John Heaven, aged 69 years, after a long illness. He giveth his beloved sleep.

LABY.—March 12, 1910, at Armidale Hospital, Sydney, Jane Eudora Laby, of Killara, Bridge-road, Glebe Point, widow of the late T. H. Laby, of Creswick, Victoria, and the beloved mother of Professor T. H. Laby.

MARTIN.—March 12, 1910, at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, James Henry, dearly beloved husband of Honour Elizabeth Martin, of Stanhope-street, Woonona, aged 25 years. Interred Bulli Cemetery, Sunday, March 13, 1910.

MULLIGAN.—March 13, 1919, at his late residence, Arrawatta, Hampden-avenue, Neutral Bay, Francis Benedict Mulligan, aged 73 years. R.I.P.

MUNNS.—March 13, 1910, at his parents' residence, Myall, corner Kogarah and Barnes roads, Kogarah, Keith, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Munns, aged 14 months.

MURPHY.—March 12, 1910, at Rookwood, Patrick Thomas Murphy, late of Belubane. R.I.P. Interment this day, 3 p.m., Rookwood Cemetery.

O'FARRELL.—March 12, 1910, at his residence, 48 Waverley-road, Woollahra (suddenly), Robert O'Farrell, late of Bathurst, aged 80 years. R.I.P.

RAYEDA.—March 13, at Melrose, Military-road, Mosman, Clara, eldest daughter of the late Edwin Mawncy Sayers.

SCOTT.—March 8, R. W. Loveridge Scott, M.R., C.M. (Edin.), late of Redfern, eldest son of the late Dr. Robert Scott, of Summer Hill, Sydney.

IN MEMORIAM.

BUCKWELL.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved son, James, who died March 14, 1896. Safe in the arms of Jesus. Inserted by his loving parents and brothers and sisters.

CAMPBELL.—In loving remembrance of my dear aunt, (Mrs. J. J. Campbell), who died at Bowral, March 9th, 1909. Inserted by her loving nephew, E. R. Bembry.

COOK.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Azarias Cook, who died at Tottenham, Koxarah, March 14, 1905. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

DOUGLAS.—In sad and loving memory of our dear mother, Alice Mary Douglas, who departed this life March 13, 1903. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Wallace and Ellen Douglas; also grandchild, Alice Mary Douglas.

DUMBARTON.—In loving memory of Elizabeth, beloved wife of Charles Dumbarton, who died March 14, 1908. To memory ever dear.

FARTHING.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Harriet Farthing, died March 13, 1886. P.P.P. Inserted by her loving children.

FOREMAN.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Lewis, who departed this life March 13, 1909. Inserted by his loving wife and family. At rest.

In loving remembrance of my dear husband and our father, who was accidentally killed at Sydenham, 13th March, 1909. Inserted by his loving wife and daughters, Cis, Jessie, and Ada.

MARTIN.—In sad and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Herbert William (Bert), who was drowned in Botany Bay on March 14, 1909, aged 22.

Bert left his home in perfect health,
Never thinking death was near,
Not dreaming he never would
Return to his home so dear,
A painful shock, a dreadful blow,
Oh, Bertie, dear, we miss you so.
Our loss is great, we'll not complain,
But trust in God to meet again.
Rest, dearest Bert, sweetly rest,
Thou mine you most we loved you best.

Inserted by his loving mother and father, sisters and brothers.

MARTIN.—In fond and loving memory of Herbert William (Bert) Martin, who was drowned while sailing in Botany Bay on March 14, 1909.

You're not forgotten, Bert, old boy,
Nor ever will you be,
For as long as life and memory last,
We will remember thee.

Inserted by his fond friends, Tom Purkeridge and Peter Wilson; also Frank and Bobs Tolson and Dan McNamara.

NAUGHTON.—In sad remembrance of our darling little daughter and sister, Ruby Ethel, who died suddenly on March 14, 1909, aged 9 years and 10 months. Deeply regretted. R.I.P.

God has taken back our darling Ruby,
Placed our little girl amongst the flowers,
Taken back the child He sent us,
To a better home than ours.

Inserted by her mother and father, sisters and brothers.

NICKLESS.—In sad but ever loving memory of our dearly loved brother, Samuel Nixon, who departed this life March 13, 1905, aged 19 years and 10 months. Inserted by his loving sister and brother, Alice and George.

NOLAN.—In loving memory of my dear brother, Patrick, who departed this life March 14, 1909. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Wilfrid and Ella Nolan.

O'SULLIVAN.—In loving memory of our dear father, Michael, who departed this life March 13, 1907. Inserted by his loving children.

PEARCE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Beryl Laura Pearce, who passed away at Prince Alfred Hospital, March 14, 1908, aged 28 years. Inserted by her loving children, Norman and Thelma. Rest, dear mother, rest.

PIGOTT.—A tribute of remembrance to a just employer and a trusted friend, William Hilson Pigott, who passed away March 13, 1909. Inserted by K. G.

STOCKTON.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife, Susan Stockton, who departed this life March 14th, 1907. Inserted by her loving husband, Robert William Stockton, sen.

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STOCKTON.—In sad and loving memory of my dear sister, Susan Stockton, who departed this life March 14th, 1907. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis.

STONE.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved son, Charles William, who died at Arncliffe, March 14, 1908.

Two years have passed, our hearts still sore,
As time goes on we miss him more,
His loving smile, his welcome face;
There's none can fill his vacant place.

Inserted by his loving parents, C. J. and E. A. Stone.

STONE.—In loving remembrance of our dearly beloved brother, Charles William, who departed this life March 14, 1908.

As the ivy clings to the oak,
So does our memory cling to thee.

Inserted by his loving brothers and sisters, Eva, Ruby, Arthur, Jack, Rose, and Emma.

SULLIVAN.—In loving memory of our dear father, Michael Sullivan, who died March 13th, 1907. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Katie and Thomas McClenahan.

WALKER.—In loving memory of our darling Helen (Ellie), who departed this life March 13th, 1907. Inserted by her every loving parents.

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WHAT THE REFERENDUM MEANS.

It is time that the people of this State and of the Commonwealth began to realise the gravity of the vote they will be called upon to cast next month in connection with the referendum proposals. Important as is the election of members of the House of Representatives, and of senators, which will take place at the same time, that is in reality a small matter by comparison with the granting of the people's sanction to the proposed amendments of the Constitution. Indeed, it is not going too far to say that even if the worst Federal Parliament possible were elected, but the constitutional amendments were sanctioned, that would be far preferable to the election of a model Legislature, accompanied by a rejection of the suggested amendments. This may at first sight appear an extravagant statement, as well as one that is self-contradictory, for it might be urged that no matter how great the powers granted under the Constitution might be, the States would be quite safe if only they could trust the Federal Legislature. Up to a certain point this is true. We would not be at all afraid to trust the future of the States to Parliament as at present constituted. But the lives of Parliaments are limited; good Parliaments may be succeeded by Parliaments less desirable, economy and prudence may be replaced by extravagance and recklessness. And it is just to provide against mishaps of this kind that it is so essential that the Braddon clause, when it expires, shall be replaced by a satisfactory working substitute.

Unfortunately, questions of finance are apt to be involved in intricacies, or, at least, to lend themselves to being beclouded by a mass of figures and percentages that the man in the street neither has the time nor generally the inclination to endeavour to fathom. In this case, however, it is essential that the man in the street should get a clear grasp of the main issues involved, for it is he who has the final say. Under these circumstances it is well even to risk the charge of tedious repetition, and to as lucidly as possible state the questions involved. The referendum is a double-barrelled one, the people being asked to say "Yea" or "Nay" to two separate questions. They will be asked to permit of the Constitution being altered so as to make it obligatory upon the Commonwealth Treasurer to return to the state Treasurers each year 25s per head of the population of their respective States out of the receipts of Customs and excise. They will also be asked to sanction the taking over of the existing State debts, of some 270 millions sterling, by the Commonwealth. One or both of these proposals may be sanctioned or rejected. Now it is well to turn back the pages of history to see what has led up to the present situation, for it is only by doing so that the real inwardness of the proposals can be properly understood. When the leaders of the Federal movement were urging the six colonies to unite so as to enable them to sweep on one side those irksome Customs barriers that divided them, and to arrange a continental instead of a provincial scheme of defence, one of the greatest difficulties they encountered related to a fair division of the revenue between the Federal authority that they proposed to create and the constituent States. Under the colonial system, as now, the Customs yielded the bulk of the revenue. If there was to be a uniform tariff, however, the Federal body had to be given control of it. At the same time the colonies were not willing to hand over their great spending departments to the federation. If they gave up the Customs, defence, the Post Office, and some minor services, they were in effect handing over 75 per cent. of their revenue, and were being relieved of only some 25 per cent. of their expenditure. This would have meant bankruptcy. The difficulty thus created was not easy to overcome. It threatened for a time to break the Federal movement. Then came Sir Edward Braddon with his proposal that the Commonwealth should be allowed to collect the Customs revenue, should have full power over the tariff, but should be compelled to return three-fourths of the resultant revenue to the States. This was to go on for all time, and a majority of the people of Australia sanctioned it on these lines. But the people of New South Wales did not agree. Being largely freetraders, they feared that if they compelled the Commonwealth to return three-fourths of the receipts of Customs and excise in perpetuity this would involve a permanently oppressive tariff. They were willing to accept Sir Edward Braddon's clause for a period, but not for ever. It was Sir George Reid who succeeded in having the effective life of the Braddon clause cut down to ten years, and that ten years expires on December 31 next. After that date the Federal Parliament will have a free hand with the Customs revenue. It will be under no constitutional obligation to return one penny to the States. The Customs and excise revenue, now being collected by the Commonwealth, averages about £2 10s per head, so that under the Braddon clause the States have been receiving nearly 38s, and the Commonwealth a little over 12s, out of every 50s collected through the Customs-house and by way of exercise. The proposed amendment of the Constitution would make it necessary for the Commonwealth to return 25s to the States, and retain the balance, which just now amounts to about another 25s, for its own purposes. So, compared with the Braddon clause, the incidence of the present proposals is much more favourable to the Commonwealth. But it is not now a question of competition between the Braddon clause and the present proposals, but between the present proposals and nothing. If they are rejected the States will get no protection whatsoever further than what they can look for by grace of the good nature of the Federal Parliament. This is the impasse into which those who advocate the rejection of the referendum proposals desire to place the States. That there would never have been any federation had this been anticipated does not appear to trouble the malcontents in the least.

The second part of the referendum proposals deals with the State debts. The Constitution already empowers the Federal Government to take over the State debts as they existed at the date of federation. That is, 200 millions sterling of indebtedness can be taken over without further sanction. But since federation a further 50 millions sterling have been added to the joint public debt of the States. The Commonwealth now desires power to take this over also. A bogey has been raised that this means that the Commonwealth will either not allow the States to borrow any more, or that the States will need to go cap in hand to the Commonwealth whenever they desire any loan moneys. This is emphatically not the case. The proposed amendments of the Constitution give the Commonwealth no legal right to interfere in any way with the future borrowings of the States. And we have the assurance of the Prime Minister that this was never contemplated. Mr. Wade agrees that any such idea is quite illusory. This curious conception appears to have arisen through a layman trying to construe a legal document as though it were a novel. And it has been persisted in with an obstinacy that is worthy of a better cause. The debt transfer part of the proposals is certainly much less important than the fixed return. The former is merely innocuous; upon the latter depends the whole of the future history of this continent. State electors can with confidence vote "Yea" to both proposals, with a knowledge that by so doing they will benefit both States and Commonwealth.

THE NAVY ESTIMATES.

Great Britain is spending on the building of warships in the year which begins with next month £2,016,820 more than has ever before been spent on naval construction, and £4,394,645 more than was taken on last year's estimate. The people of the British Isles are paying, besides £27,435,000 on their army, £40,603,700 on their navy—nearly £70,000,000 in all. In view of the rather loose accusations of criminal expenditure to which the publication of the Navy Estimates always give rise, it is worth while to make clear the precise position in which Britain stands towards the general question of these enormous armaments. It is a very simple, definite position. It is, in British eyes, admittedly deplorable that the nations of the world should be spending £500,000,000 a year on armaments. The British people know well enough that with the money spent on the navy it might solve the housing problem in ten years, and the agricultural problem in twenty. The British nation has made the only attempt yet known to get the civilised world at least to discuss the putting of some limit to this endlessly increasing competition. The nations have refused. That being so, the British people could only commit one folly more criminal than to continue in the race, and that is to withdraw from it.

It is admittedly a deplorable race. But it is absurd to say—as is sometimes said—that it is an objectless one. Every pound the nations spend has a definite object. The precise motive of Germany may not be clear; no English statesman, and probably only a few Germans, know definitely why Germany wishes to have on the seas a year or two hence a fleet as powerful as the British. But it is ridiculous to suppose that Germany has suddenly spent these enormous sums—part of them loan money—without any purpose, whilst the object of Britain's enormous efforts is perfectly clear. To pretend that the British Navy is being built for aggression—with a view to attacking anyone—is to misread the situation so obviously as not to call for argument. If Britain had wished to crush any foreign navy she could have done so at any time she chose in the last hundred years; and she could certainly never have done it better than at present, when her strength is overwhelming. With equal certainty she will never deliberately seek a quarrel, because whatever hypocrisies and selfishness all great nations may at times exhibit, Britain and the United States do cleave in international matters to a shred of principle which makes it impossible for them deliberately to contemplate and create for any ends of their own a great European war. It may be taken as an axiom on which other nations may, and probably do, base their calculations, that the British navy will never be used for the picking of a quarrel with anybody, or for any other purpose except that of self-defence. Naval authorities in the United States are said to have admitted that they did not count the British Navy in calculating their future fleet. It is almost too much of a platitude for explanation that the reason why the British people are making this present effort is that they have become aware that the German Government intends, for some presumably definite object at an apparently definite date, to have on the seas a fleet equal to the British. The motive of the British in spending million after million on their fleet is simply their settled determination to keep a margin large enough for defending themselves against aggression by any other navy. It is possible that those who blame Britain for her naval expenditure hold that it is her charitable duty to submit to any treatment which others propose to deal to her? But most British people still agree that there can be worse things than dying, which is the elementary ultimate principle on which the morals of war ultimately rest. And that is in simple language the sole excuse and reason for the increase of British armaments, and for the unqualified satisfaction with which this year's Estimates have been received.

THE JURY COURTS.

For a limited number of persons, not especially to be congratulated, the events of this and the next succeeding weeks are among the most important in the year. To-day is the date originally fixed for the beginning of the jury sittings in the Supreme Court. It is now announced that three of the Judges will sit until Wednesday in Banco in order that an appeal now partly heard may be disposed of. But after Wednesday the hearing of causes will begin, and will continue until the list is finished, or until their Honors depart for their respective circuits. From one point of view, of course, the decisions of Courts of Appeal are more important than the verdicts of juries. They may be final, whereas the verdict of a jury or the decision of a Judge of first instance seldom is. But it is hardly to be expected that the proceedings of the Court of Appeal will be followed with the same interest even by the parties as the proceedings before a jury. When a cause has reached its second stages the parties have grown into hardened litigants. They have, at least, two of the elements of uncertainty. There can no longer be any doubt as to what the witnesses will say, what the other side is relying on, or what strange considerations will influence the jury. Of recent years, moreover, the decisions of the State Courts have come to be regarded in the light of a necessary, but expensive, formality. No matter what their judgment is, or whether they be right or wrong, it is practically that the victor will be taken to a higher tribunal, where the matter will be argued over again.

No man can be called happy until he is dead, and no litigant can congratulate himself until he has succeeded before the High Court or the Privy Council. It is for this reason, amongst others, that litigants at the outset of their career evoke the sympathy of the experienced, and that their number is so small. It is for the same reasons that many people have asked themselves whether the expense, now an invariable element in a lawsuit, is a necessary part of the administration of justice—whether in other words some means cannot be devised by which rich and poor may be put on equal terms, and the rights of a quarrel ascertained with speed and efficiency. At present it is clear that rich and poor are not on equal terms. A poor man, if he is honest, has to calculate not merely whether he can convince the Courts, but whether he can stand the expense of a series of appeals. If he is not honest, and has nothing to lose, he has to consider whether his opponent will fight and beat him, or whether he will concede what is asked in order to save the expense of a retrial. Justice is not speedy, and therefore is only in one sense efficient. It seems quite clear that in the immediate future no remedy can be expected from Parliament or the Executive. The utmost that members of Parliament do is to intervene on such questions as the appointment of Acting Judges, when they are put off with promises which seem made to be ignored. Apparently, if there is a remedy, it must be introduced by the Courts themselves, whose recommendations would almost certainly be drafted into an Act of Parliament. Our Courts have already adopted that freedom from merely technical considerations which has always characterised the High Court. A litigant may now be certain that his contention will be tried on its merits, and eventually so decided. Why cannot our Courts, with the aid of the Legislature, adapt to their use some of the expedients which have been introduced with signal success in England for the purpose of obtaining speedy and inexpensive decisions? Our Commercial Court has been a failure, mainly because its virtues have never become sufficiently well known. But there is no reason why in any Court the parties should not be enabled to agree that the first decision shall be final, and why other steps should not be taken after deliberation to preserve for the Courts their position as the tribunal to which citizens will resort for the settlement of their disputes.

INDIAN UNREST.

The interview we give with Colonel Pollen is interesting, as showing the possibility of an optimistic view of Indian conditions, even in the case of an officer who for many years has been very closely in touch with the Indian people. But it is possible to accept all Colonel Pollen's facts without being able altogether to share his optimistic interpretation of them. No doubt a great deal of harm is done by exaggerating Indian unrest, and no doubt acts of assassination and sedition that may be sporadic are often given an exaggerated significance. But we think Colonel Pollen is inclined to err in the opposite direction. It is idle to conceal the fact that the India of to-day is not the India of thirty or forty years ago. We have for good or ill gone far to make a new India in the interim, and were it not so we should have to confess that we have been simply beating the air. No doubt it is true that we have never been welcome in India. The gulf between rulers and ruled is there too great even to be bridged, and there is not, and in the nature of the case never can be, anything like fusion between the two races. But we must distinguish between a passive hostility, showing itself active only in isolated instances, and an hostility that, in Kipling's phrase, is beginning to find itself. The danger is not of a new spirit in India, but of the old spirit beginning to find itself capable of self-expression. Colonel Pollen is, no doubt, right in saying that the unrest of to-day is largely the work of agitators with an English training. But that is not the whole story. If it were we could take a short way with the agitator.

The leaven of unrest begins with the man with a personal grievance—often with the unoccupied and over-educated man with a grievance. But the point is that he has now a public to which he can appeal, and, through the vernacular press, the means to appeal to them. As a writer in one of the current monthlies points out, we cannot measure Indian sedition by Indian literacy. It is true that very largely the two go hand in hand, that the educated young Indian is as often as not discontented and disloyal, and that the wealthy Indian, the Indian who has accumulated wealth in business made possible by British rule, is discontented and disloyal also. But the total of such persons is, after all, an insignificant percentage of the population; and if that were all we might fully share Colonel Pollen's optimism. But it is not all. The lower grades of education help to spread the fever of unrest much further afield, and the Indian villager, who for centuries has accepted things as they are, has begun to cease to take a static view of the universe. It is useless to minimise the vital change wrought by the fact that it is now possible for a village politician to discuss the diplomacy of Europe. Both the wealth and the poverty of India combine to stir minds that have slumbered for ages. What we see of Indian unrest is the inevitable result, and it is bound to become an increasing and ever-present menace, unless we show plainly that we are in India as India's masters, and that we look upon sedition as crime to be stamped out at all costs. The purity of our intentions in India, the obvious and unmistakable advantages of our rule, our obvious justice, and our obvious self-sacrifice, will all count for nothing unless our policy stands first for mastery. It is just when we forget we are in India as her overlord that the trouble begins.

Federal Executive.—There will be a meeting of the Federal Executive Council in Sydney to-day to deal with electoral matters. The Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. Fuller, and Senator Millen will be present.

Foresters and the Military.—The Minister for Defence, referring last night to the complaint made by the Foresters against the alleged discrimination of the department in favour of the G.U.O.O.F., stated that he had received a letter from Mr. G. T. Clarke, grand secretary of the I.O.O.F., on this subject, and would deal with the whole matter in due course. The department, he said, had no object except to do what was fair, consistent with a reasonable amount of convenience. The Commandant in New South Wales had said it would be convenient to deal with one order, and he had suggested the G.U.O.O.F. for the reason that many military men were already members of it. Mr. Cook regards the matter as a small one, but will be glad to request the Commandant to furnish such information as will enable an equitable adjustment to be made.

Acting Supreme Court Judge.—On Saturday morning Judge Fitzhardinge was sworn in by Mr. Justice Pring as an acting Supreme Court Judge. He will preside at the Criminal Court, the proceedings in which are to be commenced to-day.

Street Collections.—Recognising that a multiplicity of street collections is not only irksome and annoying to the public, but occasions a lessening of charity on the part of the public, the controllers of the Hospital Saturday Fund and United Charities Fund forwarded letters to the Ashfield council recently asking that permission to take up outdoor collections in the municipality might be restricted to the one organisations named. The council did not grant the prayer of the petition, but decided that each application should be considered on its merits.

An Expensive Request.—The Commonwealth Statistician has asked the Ashfield council to supply him with a map in triplicate of the municipality on the largest scale available, together with a description of the proclaimed boundaries. The council held its breath at the coolness of the request, especially when Mr. G. E. Spark, council clerk, announced that one set of maps of the municipality on a scale of two chains to the inch would cost £14 14s, and a set of the old maps, five chains to the inch, £2 2s. Exactly why the council should be asked to make an expensive present of this character to a Commonwealth department presumably in a position to secure it for itself was not apparent, but the Ashfield aldermen securely buttoned up the money pocket of the municipality by simply receiving the letter of request and wondering why it was sent. The Burwood council received a similar request, and answered it by referring the seeker of the gift to the Local Government Department.

The Foes Within.—The Rev. J. E. Carruthers, in the course of a military sermon yesterday, warned his congregation to beware of the foe within as well as the enemy without. Had they no duty to combat those forces which were undermining the stamina of the nation—that trinity of evils, drink, gambling, and lust? Take thought also, he counselled, of greed and mammonism—the sordid addiction to material gain, as if it were the be-all and end-all of life. And bad as any—the parent of all, perhaps—the irreligion which is the negation of God, and the emptying of life of all that was holy and divine. Those were the foes that they had not to sail the seas to grapple with. They were in their midst, entrenched in strength. The gunpowder bill of the world was vast, but the drink bill enormously exceeded it. They proposed to spend £2,000,000 per annum on Commenwealth defence; they were already spending nearly £20,000,000 upon alcohol. War resulted in a loss of life upon a scale so tragic and sudden as to challenge the attention of the world, and evoke pity; but drink claimed its victims more than war, pestilence, and famine combined.

Another Bridge Wanted.—Some of the municipal bodies of the Northern and Western Suburbs have agreed that it is desirable to have another bridge across the Parramatta River at Concord. At present there is no bridge for ordinary traffic between Gladesville and Parramatta. The Ryde Bridge is for railway traffic only, but there is a ferry near it for the conveyance of small vehicles or pedestrians across the river. If a funeral has to proceed from Ryde to Rookwood, a direct distance of about four miles across the river, it cannot go by the direct route, but has either to go via Gladesville or Parramatta—a journey in the first case of about 18 miles, and in the second of about eight miles. The same trouble is experienced by people moving from one side of the river to the other to different habitations. The matter has been taken up by the Ryde Progress Association and Cumberland Progress Association, and on their initiative is receiving the support of various municipal bodies interested. The Ashfield council last week gave its unqualified support to the project, and appointed Aldermen Brown and Hammond to join in a deputation to the Minister for Works on the subject. The Cumberland association goes a bit further than asking for a bridge, as it desires the Government to resume all the available foreshores of the river—a picturesque but rather expensive order.

Motor Traffic Regulations.—Since the regulations under the Motor Traffic Act were published, the police traffic office has been kept very busy registering and numbering cars and licensing drivers. Delay has occurred in some instances through the owners of cars not having an attachment at the rear of their cars, as provided by the regulations, to which the number-plate can be fixed. Sample attachments for motor cars and motor cycles can be seen at the traffic office. As it may be difficult for some owners to visit the traffic office during week days, the Inspector-General of Police has arranged that cars will be registered and drivers licensed on Saturday afternoons during the present month, if any owner notifies the traffic office that he will attend with his car for that purpose.

A Privy Council Appeal.—On September 16 last the Equity Court granted a decree dissolving the partnership between J. and A. Brown, and on November 9 the Chief Judge in Equity appointed John Brown receiver, but refused a stay of proceedings in the suit. An appeal to the Privy Council against the decree of dissolution is now pending, and the information has been cabled from London that a stay of proceedings has been granted on condition that the record is filed within a fortnight after receipt in England.

Mosman and the Zoo.—At the last meeting of the Mosman Council the Mayor (Alderman F. R. Strange) submitted a minute dealing with the suggestion that Ashton Park, overlooking Athol Bight, should be chosen as the site to which the zoological collection should be transferred. He said that the area had been recommended by several competent judges as the best available for an up-to-date Zoological Gardens, similar to those in England and European and American cities. His object in bringing the matter forward was to get an expression of opinion from the council as to the advisability of removing the Zoo to Mosman, since, whether it was favourably received or not, the opinion might help those who were to decide the matter. After a discussion in which varying expressions of opinion were given it was decided to refer the minute to the general purposes committee for consideration and report.

Defunct Bank-notes.—Yet another £5-note issued by the defunct Provincial Bank of Victoria has been accepted in the course of business by a city shopkeeper. A foreign young man arrived at the Central Police Station on Saturday with the note in his hand and despair in his face. He said an elderly man had come to his lolly-shop near the Town Hall and bought 8s worth of lollies. He paid with the £5-note, and took £4 12s change. The young man kept the note for a week, and then the bank refused to accept it, so he had come round to see what could be done.

Wool and Wheat.—For the first time for months the haulage of wool over the railways shows a decrease, but wheat continues to improve. In respect to wool the carriage to the seaboard for the week ended the 12th instant shows a total of 2079 bales, a decrease over the corresponding week last year of 174 bales. The number of bales carried during the season is now 768,539, an increase compared with last season of 39,484. The bags of wheat carried during the week numbered 195,554, an increase compared with the corresponding week of last year of 112,852 bags. During the season 3,562,583 bags were carried, an increase over last season of 1,067,201.

"Waverley" writes suggesting that the statue of the late Sir Henry Parkes be removed from its present site in Centennial Park and placed at the intersection of Queen-street and Waverley-road, near the main entrance to the park.

We have received from W. T. Waters and

STRUGGLE IN THE COMMONS.

UNIONISTS OBTAIN CONCESSION.

NATIONALISTS AND WHISKY DUTIES

SUGGESTED MOTIVES OF CABINET.

LONDON, March 12.

Mr. R. B. Haldane, Minister for War, yielding to the protests of the Opposition in the House of Commons, promised to introduce the Annual Army Bill before Easter. He announced that he was taking sufficient supply for the army for several months.

Having obtained the promise, Unionists thanked Mr. Haldane for his conciliatory attitude.

The "Daily Telegraph" announces that the Nationalists have received assurances from the Government that the whisky duties will be abandoned in the next Budget.

The "Manchester Guardian" declares that the Government was commissioned at the recent election to suppress the insurrection of the House of Lords.

By granting supply over an extended period, the House of Commons, the journal adds, commits itself to approval of the Government's doings throughout the session.

The Opposition attributes the postponement of all services until the middle of May to the desire of the Government to add difficulties to the situation should a change of Cabinet occur.

The "Westminster Gazette" justifies the six weeks' vote on the ground that the Government is bound to retain for the House of Commons the power of controlling the situation, and adds: "Unionists have been hoping that if supply were voted until August they would be enabled to postpone or precipitate a dissolution at pleasure."

The "Star" says: "The meaning of the sharp practice of the Government is to avoid a dissolution, and the deadlock will be ended by the refusal of supplies until the passage of the Veto Bill is assured."

The "Globe" writes that the electorate will make a very practical retort when people learn that pensions have been withheld to enable Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd-George to retain office.

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MR. MOORE IN LONDON.

PUTS IN A WORD FOR HIS STATE.

THE "WHITE AUSTRALIA" POLICY.

LONDON, March 13.

Mr. Cunningham, on behalf of the Earl of Crewe (Secretary of State for the Colonies), Dr. M'Call (Agent-General for Tasmania), Sir C. H. Rason (ex-Agent-General for Western Australia), Captain Collins (representing Sir George Reid), and Mr. R. C. Hare (Secretary of the Western Australian Government Agency), welcomed the Premier of Western Australia (Mr. Moore) at the Charing Cross railway station.

Mr. Moore, in the course of an interview, said: "Western Australia's future lies in the development of agriculture. Our prospects are brighter than for a long while.

"We particularly want agriculturists with small capital, but also with experience, which is better than capital. We want a European population. It is useless for us to preach a 'White Australia' unless we do our utmost to encourage whites to come out."

LADY DUDLEY BETTER.

CONSTANT ATTENTION UNNECESSARY.

LONDON, March 12.

A bulletin published at midnight announced that Lady Dudley, who underwent a serious operation on Thursday, had progressed very favourably, and that it was no longer necessary for her physicians to be in constant attendance.

Queen Alexandra, the Princess of Wales, other Royal personages, and the American Ambassador were again among those who inquired after Lady Dudley's health.

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Lady Dudley's health is reported to be satisfactory, and no further bulletins will be issued for the present.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The Governor-General (Lord Dudley) received a cablegram stating that Lady Dudley, who underwent a serious operation in London on Thursday, was progressing satisfactorily.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER.

IMMENSE OUTPUT IN AMERICA.

LONDON, March 12.

The immense production of copper in America is affecting prices, though the consumption is excellent.

The "Economist" states that by the middle of March the settlement at the Stock Exchange will be the largest on record.

One Rhodesian firm made 1600 bargains in one day.

BRADFORD STRIKE ENDED.

MEN GET INCREASED WAGES.

LONDON, March 12.

The strike of 9000 wool-combers in Bradford is ended.

The men have been granted a slight increase in wages, and a joint board is to be formed for the adjustment of disputes.

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DAM BURSTS IN WALES.

LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

SAD END OF MOTHER AND BABY.

CHILDREN CARRIED AWAY BY TORRENT.

LONDON, March 12.

A disaster is reported from Glamorganshire, Wales, where a dam burst in the Rhondda Valley, occasioning heavy losses.

The houses at Clydach Vale, a coal-mining village, were flooded, and several collapsed. By the collapse of one house a mother and her infant were killed as they lay in bed. The roaring torrent of water bore away six others in the vicinity, mostly children, who were all drowned.

There were many narrow escapes, residents being washed clean out of their houses. Nine hundred children in a schoolhouse were saved through the teacher's promptitude, and the playground wall withstanding the flood.

Amid a scene of great excitement the children were passed through the windows of the schoolhouse to colliers, their rescuers wading four feet deep.

The flood swept huge boulders on to the railway line, blocking the traffic.

IMMIGRATION.

OPENINGS FOR RESERVISTS.

THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY

LONDON, March 11.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that the emigration of army reservists would only be permitted to a limited extent. Regarding soldiers who had completed their engagements, the Army Council would be glad if employment with the defence forces of oversea Dominions could be guaranteed, say, for two years. This would enable them to take up work wherefor they were fully qualified, and of benefit to the Dominions, while settling down in their new environment.

No advances of reserve pay could be made, and no definite steps had been taken to ascertain the views of the Dominions.

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VIENNA POISONING CASE.

AMAZING DEVELOPMENT.

LONDON, March 11.

An amazing development occurred in connection with the Vienna poisoning trial by the discovery that Lieutenant Horritcher, of the Austrian Army, who was accused of sending poisoned capsules to members of the general staff, had, under the assumed name of Dr. Haller, endeavoured to drug an innocent girl. A letter addressed to Dr. Haller, which was opened at the dead letter office, contained poison.

COMMANDER PEARY'S CLAIMS.

CHAMPIONED IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 11.

Geographical circles deprecate the doubts raised in the United States respecting Commander Peary's claim to have reached the North Pole. The Royal Geographical Society is preparing a welcome in May. Sir E. Shackleton is championing Commander Peary.

KIEL IMPERIAL DOCKYARD.

REDUCING THE STAFF.

LONDON, March 11.

The director of the German Imperial dockyard at Kiel has notified the men that, owing to the Reichstag not voting sufficient funds to keep all the staff working, 600 must be dismissed during April.

THE ITALIAN NAVY.

TWO MORE DREADNOUGHTS.

LONDON, March 11.

Orders have been given to the Royal dockyard at Castellammare, on the Bay of Naples, to prepare this year for the construction of two 24,000-ton Dreadnoughts. The number of dreadnoughts in the Italian Navy will thus be six.

GERMAN EMPEROR'S CRUISE.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

LONDON, March 11.

The guests accompanying the German Emperor on his cruise number 100, and include 13 admirals, six generals, three Cabinet Ministers, bankers, and leaders in science, art, and literature.

LIBELLING AN INDIAN.

DAMAGES REDUCED.

LONDON, March 11.

The damages awarded Lajpat Rai, Indian Nationalist leader, in July last, amounting to £1000, for libel against the "Englishman," published in Calcutta, for stating that he had been deported for tampering with the loyalty of the Sepoys, have been reduced on appeal to 1500 rupees.

A PRACTICAL JOKER

COALS FOR MR. CHURCHILL.

LONDON, March 11.

A practical joker boarded several coal merchants by instructing them to send many tons of coal to Mr. Winston Churchill's house.

SHORT WEIGHT BUTTER.

VICTORIAN SHIPMENTS COMPLAINED OF.

LONDON, March 12.

Importers are complaining of short weight in certain brands of Victorian butter.

Some boxes, it is stated, contained only 54 lbs.

The commercial practice is to fill the boxes till each contains 56lb, the extra half-pound being added to allow for soakage, etc.

Money advanced upon all securities, N.S.W. Mont de Piete D. and I. Co., Ltd., 74 Castlereagh-street, 74, Sydney, and 17 Hunter-street, Newcastle. Eustace Bennett, G. Mgr.—Advt.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

WAR INCONCEIVABLE.

COUNT KOMURA'S OPINION.

LONDON, March 13.

Count Komura, Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a message to the "New York World," says:—"I am convinced that there is nothing in the relations between Japan and America that need cause any real uneasiness.

"Their Far Eastern interests," the message continues, "are not inconsistent or antagonistic.

"War between them is inconceivable, and would be a crime without excuse or palliation. My conviction finds ample support in the understanding reached in 1908."

THE SPOILS OF CHINA.

MR. SCHIFF HEDGING.

CAUSTIC PRESS COMMENT.

LONDON, March 13.

Mr. Jacob Schiff, explaining his remarks at the New York Republican Club recently, when he said that the understanding between Russia, Japan, and Great Britain would constitute in the next few decades the world's greatest menace, now says that he meant, not that there would be war, but a struggle for commercial opportunities in China.

The "New York Herald," commenting upon the explanation, writes:—"In any case, the speech was singularly ill-timed, considering that all the nations are cooperating to solidify peace. Japan's offence, apparently, is not so much conspiring to keep China in vassalage as in herself failing to remain in vassalage to money-lenders."

MR. PATTEN IN ENGLAND.

A HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION.

ESCAPE UNDER POLICE ESCORT.

LONDON, March 12.

A hostile demonstration was made at the Manchester Royal Exchange against Mr. James Patten, who recently contrived an American corner in cotton.

So fierce was the demonstration that members elbowed their way through the crowd and shook their fists in the "cotton king's" face, compelling him to take refuge in a neighbouring office.

Subsequently Mr. Patten escaped under the escort of a strong police guard by a fire exit, and immediately entrained for Liverpool, where he was sympathetically received. He resails for America to-day.

M. DUEZ CONFESSES.

HOUSE OF HIS MISTRESS RAIDED.

LONDON, March 12.

M. Duez, the liquidator of several religious associations, who is under arrest in Paris, charged with misappropriation, has confessed to embezzling £20,000 sterling when a solicitor's clerk, and that he has since lost £250,000 on the Stock Exchange.

The police raided the house of Duez's mistress, and discovered £8000 worth of jewellery and various shares and bank accounts.

A search is also being made by the police in the house of a woman to whom Duez arranged to advance £12,000 sterling.

SOUTH POLAR RIVALRY.

DISCLAIMER BY LIEUT. FILCHNER.

LONDON, March 13.

First-Lieutenant Filchner, who is to lead a German expedition to the South Pole, in an interview, said that he did not wish to jump the claims of Anglo-Americans. He would leave the Pole to his rivals.

"My object," said Lieutenant Filchner, "is to verify the theory that Antarctic land consists of two islands divided by an arm of the sea."

TRIBAL RAID IN INDIA.

BRITISH OFFICER KILLED.

LONDON, March 13.

Thirty-two Mahsuds raided Lakhi, a village on the north-west frontier of India.

Captain Stirling, of the 57th Wilde's Rifles, and five men, were killed in rounding up the raiders. Five others were wounded.

The leader of the raiders and five of his men were killed, and six wounded.

THE WOOL SALES.

PRICES FIRM.

LONDON, March 11.

At the wool sales this afternoon prices for merinos were firm and unchanged. Crossbreds were stronger. American buyers are operating more freely.

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At the wool sales yesterday prices of the fleeces of the clips mentioned were:—Umutbe, 15d, 14½d; Marendah, 13d, 12¼d; Gumbardo, 11d, 10½d; Howard, 14½d, 12¼d; Puketoi, 13d, 12½d; Havelock, 12d, 10½d.

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There was a good sale yesterday morning, with a better selection of crossbreds suitable for America, which realised high prices. Merinos were very firm.

Prices were:—Torrens, /8½, /8¼; Awawars, /11½, /10½; Glenside, /13, /11; Tamar, /14, /11½; Woollen, /13, /11½; Doonside, /13½, 1/; Briebrie, /15½, /14¼.

There were 49,987 bales catalogued, of which 46,387 were sold.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, March 13.

Mr. E. V. Reid has joined the board of the London Bank of Australia.

Mr. Fred. Horner, ex-M.P. for North Lambeth, who telegraphed to the "Daily Mail" false news, under the name of a local correspondent, respecting the reception of Mr. Lloyd-George at Falmouth on January 8, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

Sir John C. Bigham, ex-President of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice, who recently was created a baron, has been granted a pension of £3500.

Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., recently returned unopposed to the House of Commons, who had been appointed Solicitor-General in succession to Sir Samuel Evans, publicly thanked the Conservative Association for their graceful act in not opposing him. His return, he said, was not a political triumph, but a striking example of friendship between the different parties leading.

WHAT'S THE TIME?—The time for a glass of Wolfe's Schnapps.—Advt.

THE CONGO.

GREAT BRITAIN FIRM.

GUARANTEES BY BELGIUM REQUIRED.

LONDON, March 12.

Sir Edward Grey, Minister for Foreign Affairs, during a debate in the House of Commons on the Belgian administration of the Congo, said that Great Britain was watching for the promised reforms in an attitude of suspense and benevolent expectancy.

Britain's recognition of the annexation of the Congo territory by Belgium, Sir Edward Grey continued, would be dependent upon definite guarantees that the new system constituted a definite change, and upon receiving satisfactory consular reports.

Reuter explains that the report cabled on March 5 erroneously attributed to the Belgian Minister for Justice (M. L. de Lantsheere), remarks made in the Belgian Chamber of Deputies by M. Vandervelde (Socialist).

What M. Vandervelde said on that occasion was that he hoped the money derived from the royal foundations would be applied for the benefit of the natives, thereby showing Belgium's sincerity in the matter of reform.

CANADIAN NAVAL POLICY.

ACCEPTED BY DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, March 12.

The Canadian House of Commons, by 119 votes to 98, has finally accepted the naval policy of the Prime Minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

CRICKET IN SOUTH AFRICA.

FIFTH TEST MATCH.

LONDON, March 11.

The fifth test match between the M.C.C. and South Africa was started yesterday at Capetown. The English team batted first, and made 408 for seven wickets. Hobbs, by magnificent play, scored 187. With Rhodes 77, for the first wicket, the partnership contributed 221.

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England was disposed of for 417 runs. Thompson made 51.

South Africa, in its first innings, scored 103, and in the second innings has lost three wickets for 102.

The opening partnership of 221 by Hobbs and Rhodes is a record for test matches. The result of this match will not affect the rubber, for it has already been won by South Africa.

BETTING ON RACECOURSES.

ACTION IN CANADA.

LONDON, March 11.

Advices received in New York from Ottowa state that the Parliamentary committee is in favour of the abolition of bookmaking on racecourses.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, March 11.

The following players have joined the Northern Rugby football team for Australia: J. Sharrocks, J. Thomas (Wigan), J. Lomas (Salford), A. Avery (Oldham), and F. Shugars (Warrington).

[This team will play a series of matches under Rugby League rules in Australasia.]

WALES DEFEATS IRELAND.

LONDON, March 13.

Playing at Dublin, Wales dropped a goal and scored five tries against Ireland's one try, thus winning the game by 19 to 3.

THE DEFENCE SCHEMES.

MR. COOK TO MR. HUGHES.

"VULGAR PERSONAL ABUSE."

The Minister for Defence, Mr. Cook, thinks it is little use trying to get the facts of any case from Mr. Hughes. He describes him as "a political caricaturist," and says he takes all the liberties of one. "He says," continued Mr. Cook, "I asked him whether Lord Kitchener's report coincides with the Labour party's attitude on the subject. Of course I asked him no such thing. This is a question manufactured for me by Mr. Hughes. It is the easiest thing in the world to make a question of your own and answer it satisfactorily.

"What I asked him was whether he could reconcile the 60 days' continuous camp advocated by him, with a payment of 10s weekly, with the Kitchener scheme of an eight days' camp and a payment of 28s weekly. That is the question, and it is still without an answer. If these two things are alike, then Lord Kitchener is on the side of Mr. Hughes, but not otherwise.

"Mr. Hughes says if I charge him with never going beyond 21 years with the training I must absolve him from the other.

"Nothing of the kind. Mr. Hughes finds not the slightest difficulty in running a 60 days' proposal outside the House, and one for 14 days in the House. Mr. Hughes says of his proposals that the House ridiculed and denounced them. All this is perfectly true. Mr. Hughes, with all his cleverness, which is only equalled by his vulgar personal abuse, has never yet put forward any practical scheme of any kind. He disports himself in the House in much the same way as he does in the press and on the platform, and with the same practical result. He makes sport, certainly—calls people names, and all that kind of thing—but when it comes to doing anything—well, that is another story.

"Mr. Hughes says that my scheme submitted to the House provided only 17,075 personnel. This is too ludicrous a story to palm off on to the public. It is not worth a denial. The public will know how to appraise a statement of this kind. He may possibly understand the scheme, but I greatly doubt if the public will think so after a display of arithmetic of this sort.

"Then Mr. Hughes encounters the same obstacle in answering the financial problem I put him as arising out of their manifesto. This time he gets out of it by throwing his brilliant countryman, Lloyd-George, at my head. All I have to say to this is that Lloyd-George's scheme is in total dissonance with their proposals. Mr. Hughes does not get out of the difficulty by taking this means, but only lands himself further in. Lloyd-George's proposals will not burst up large estates. It is expressly declared by the Liberal Government, to have no such intention. In the next place, Lloyd-George's proposals would hit the small holders of wealth and the middle class, whom Mr. Hughes and party say they will exempt. Has Mr. Hughes at last thus inadvertently blurted out the truth? The small man should take a note of this, and keep it in mind.

"Mr. Hughes asks me a question in conclusion. He wants to know where I propose to get the money from for our schemes. The answer is plain.

"1. From the results of the new financial agreement, which will give us a further two and a half millions.

"2. By a reasonable and prudent borrowing scheme for permanent and reproductive works.

"I invite Mr. Hughes to drop his abuse, and make an equally explicit statement on his side.

"I may add that I am glad to have his assurance that the Labour party will emphatically support the scheme. I hope he speaks for that party. I observe, however, that some of them are already denouncing portions of it on the public platforms."

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SUICIDE OF MR. BERTRAM ARMYTAGE.

MEMBER OF SHACKLETON EXPEDITION.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Mr. Bertram Armytage, well known as a member of the Shackleton Antarctic expedition, and a popular clubman in Melbourne and London, shot himself in his bedroom at the Melbourne Club last evening. The affair was deliberately planned, though the motive which seems to have prompted it was of no great importance. It is only about six weeks since Mr. Armytage returned to Australia from London, where the members of the Shackleton party had met to bring together the threads of the expedition. He was staying at Menzies' Hotel, except during occasional absences in Sydney. Always a somewhat moody man, he betrayed no unusual signs of depression or mental trouble. He entertained his friends there in the ordinary way, though the servants noticed that at times he paced about the hotel in a lonely, hopeless fashion. "He always used to do that," said one of the hotel attendants to-day. He was always a lonely sort of man, but there was a queer, miserable look in his eyes the last few days. He left the hotel yesterday afternoon, and seemed cheerful enough then. He was going to stay at the Melbourne Club, and said goodbye in the heartiest way. No one would have guessed that there was anything serious the matter. He used to go out cycling by himself a good deal. After leaving the hotel yesterday he went to the Melbourne Club and took up his quarters there. When it approached dinner time he dressed, and the club valet, who brought him hot water shortly before 6 o'clock, was the last to see him alive. He seemed cheerful enough then. At 20 minutes past 6 o'clock there was a loud report. Many members of the club heard it, but all put it down to a tyre blowing out in the street outside. It was not a tyre. It was Mr. Bertram Armytage's pistol. The valet heard the report and traced it to Mr. Armytage's room. The door was shut, and he could get no answer. He alarmed Mr. Cornish, the secretary, and some of the members, who rushed to the room. They found the door propped, and shut with a chair. This was removed, and inside Mr. Armytage was found dead. He was in full dinner dress. The counterpane had been removed from the bed and spread on the floor. Mr. Armytage was lying on this with two pillows under his head. Both hands were lying at his sides, while a few inches from his left hand lay a Colt's patent automatic revolver, with one chamber discharged. A bullet hole in his forehead showed what had happened. Dr. Brett was sent for. He examined the body, and pronounced life extinct. The coroner was then communicated with, and consented to the removal of the body to Sleight's private mortuary, where he will inspect it prior to opening the inquest to-morrow.

A letter addressed to Mr. Robert Cornish was found on the dressing table. It threw no light upon the tragedy, except to show that Mr. Armytage had apparently fully made up his mind about what he was going to do. The letter asked Mr. Cornish to settle certain accounts, and reward the servants. It is difficult to discover any adequate motive for the suicide. Mr. Armytage was a wealthy man. He was married, his wife being a sister of Mrs. George Chirnside. She is at present in London. He had a daughter nine years of age. He has always been a most energetic man, and was proud of his great muscular strength. One of the aims of his life was "to keep fit." He seems to have longed for something definite to do. He was a splendid shot, and has roamed the world in search of sport. It was this that drew him from a deer-stalking expedition in New Zealand to join the Shackleton Antarctic Expedition. He was a great success with the expedition, earning the praises and confidence both of his chief and his comrades. He was, however, a most reticent man, very diffident, and subject to all kinds of varying moods. He went out to Africa during the war, and obtained the Queen's medal, with three clasps. Prior to that he had been a lieutenant in the Geelong Battery of Garrison Artillery. He resigned, however, from the Commonwealth forces, and during his last trip to England his great ambition was to obtain from the War Office a military appointment which would give him some definite occupation. He urged his South African experience, as well as his share in the Antarctic expedition, in support of this request, but though Major-General Sir Edward Hutton assisted him he failed. The reply of the military authorities was that he was too old. This failure was a great disappointment to him, and seems to have been what drove him to take his own life. He came back to Australia gloomy and discontented. On his dressing-table on Saturday night were found his three-clasp African medal and the two medals presented to him for his work in the Antarctic. He had apparently been gazing at them for the last time. He had hoped great things from those medals, and what they stood for. His hopes had all been dashed, and his lonely introspective habits had magnified the disappointment until he could endure it no longer. Though a charming man personally, there was always a trace of eccentricity about him. He loved to do things which other men feared. On one occasion he paddled a canoe from Melbourne to Geelong, had it carried across to the Barwon River, and then paddled down the Barwon, across the open sea, through the Rip, and right round Port Phillip Bay to Melbourne. He was educated partly in Australia and partly in England. In 1885 he went to the Melbourne Church of England Grammar School, and was a pupil there for two years. He left to go to a college in England, from which he went to Cambridge University. His life for many years has been spent—when not out in sporting expeditions—in Melbourne and London. He was equally familiar with and well known in both cities.

DUTCH PACKET BOAT ASHORE.

ON NORTH QUEENSLAND COAST.

POSITION SERIOUS.

CAIRNS, Monday, 12.15 a.m.

The steamer Oswestry Grange arrived yesterday, and Captain Creighton reported to the local agents of the Dutch Packet Company that the Van Der Hagen was on a reef near Cape Melville, about 120 miles north of Cooktown. Captain Creighton signalled the Van Der Hagen asking if assistance was required, and received the reply "No." Captain Creighton states that the vessel appears to be in a serious position, and his opinion is that she would not float if got off the reef. Prior to sighting the Van Der Hagen Captain Creighton was signalled by a passing vessel that the Van Der Hagen was ashore, and that a German steamer was standing by her. When the Oswestry Grange passed the Van Der Hagen the German boat had left.

The Van Der Hagen is on Pipon Reef, a rather dangerous locality.

Captain Jones, harbour master at Cairns, saw a vessel passing on the horizon at Cairns to-day through a telescope. It looked like the Van Der Hagen, but her identity was uncertain owing to the distance.

STEAMER COLLIDES WITH LIGHTSHIP.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

The portmaster received a telegram yesterday from the harbourmaster at Thursday Island stating that the master of the Piper Island lightship reports that on the 9th instant, at 11 p.m., the steamer Van Der Hagen, bound south, ran into the lightship, knocked both hawser pipes adrift, and burst the stem to the waterline. A lot of damage was done to the bow, and the lightship was dragged out of position. The vessel would require to be docked. The portmaster immediately wired to the harbourmaster at Cooktown to despatch the Government steamer John Douglas to bring the damaged lightship to Townsville, where she will be repaired.

POSTAL TENDERS.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The tender of Messrs. Lawrence and Hanson, Sydney, has been accepted for the supply and delivery of 2000 common battery wall telephones at £3 0s 3d each. The tender of A. R. Coleman, Smithfield, has been accepted for work required in connection with the erection of a metallic circuit telephone line between Brooklyn and Woy Woy. The work of repairing and painting of post-office vehicles for three years from March 1, 1910, at £7 per annum per vehicle, has been secured by J. Mackey, of 269 Riley-street, Sydney.

ESCAPE OF LUNATICS.

WELL THOUGHT OUT PLAN.

BRISBANE, Saturday.

Within a week four lunatics have escaped from Goonda Asylum, and three of them are now at large. The mode of escape of two of them, Christopher Francis and George Elliott, suggests a well thought out plan. Both were accounted for after bedtime early on Wednesday evening, and it was not till daylight next morning that they were missed. Almost simultaneously it was discovered that two asylum horses had disappeared from the reserve; also a pair of saddles and bridles.

MINES IN READINESS.

RESUMING WORK TO-DAY.

COUNTING THE COST.

LOSS OF MONEY AND CONTRACTS.

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.

It is only with a great deal of trepidation and misgiving that people in Newcastle will believe in the conclusive character of Friday's negotiations. There have been so many rumours before apparently well founded that have subsequently proved wrong that the public mostly say that they will believe the strike ended when they see the miners back at work. There can be little doubt about the matter, however, not only because of the signature by both parties of the agreement declaring the strike off, but also because of the anxiety of by far the greater number of the men on the field to get back to work again after their long period of idleness. Some of them are still hardly reconciled to their practical defeat, and would probably cause further trouble if possible, but the better and more sober-minded of them are glad of the opportunity to return.

It is probable, however, that when the collieries commence to work again it will be found that a large number of men have left the district, and there will be some difficulty in finding a sufficient number of miners to man the collieries for the first few weeks. The proprietors have given a guarantee that all old employees will be re-employed, but, in view of the state of the labour market, this was hardly necessary. There will be plenty of work for all who have remained on the field. Fortunately for the miners, now that they are resuming work they will be able to get further credit from the stores to supply them with food and other necessaries until their first pay day, and as many of them were beginning to get into severe straits the privilege will be very welcome. The long absence of ready money from the mining townships, however, has also had a severe effect on many of the smaller storekeepers, several of whom have been brought to the verge of ruin.

The loss in other directions has been very heavy, and after the first month or six weeks the disastrous effects of the strike will begin to be felt in the loss of trade. Amongst the big contracts that have been lost is that of the Victorian Railway Department. This amounted to some hundreds of thousands of tons a year, and as for the future the department intends to get all its coal from the Powlett River field the loss to Newcastle will be severe. A number of Eastern contracts have also been lost. For the first month or two, however, the port will be extremely busy. There are about 100 vessels in port capable of taking away a great quantity of coal, and each is eager to get under the cranes and away to her destination. Others have already been chartered. Almost without exception the collieries throughout this and the Maitland field are in readiness to start work at 6 o'clock on Monday morning, and it is not expected that there will be any hitch to prevent the full resumption of operations everywhere. Yesterday most of the lodges conducted cavils to allot places to the miners, and there has been a general preparation and sharpening of tools in expectation of work.

TROUBLE AT BOREHOLE COLLIERY.

MINERS WILL NOT WORK.

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.

To-night word has been received of impending trouble at the Stockton Borehole colliery, in consequence of an alteration in conditions made by the manager, of which the miners' representatives were apparently not made aware on Friday when the strike was declared off. This afternoon the miners refused to draw their cavils at that mine. They state that the manager is endeavouring to alter the hours of working, with the view of compelling them to put in an extra 40 minutes at the coal face. For some time past two shifts a day in the mine, one working from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the other from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The manager now wishes one shift to go in at 7.20 a.m. and come out at 4 p.m., and the miners object. The cavil was not drawn, and the mine will not start to-morrow.

Owing to difficulty with the water, one or two other collieries will not be ready to start with the rest to-morrow, but it is anticipated that they will be in readiness by Tuesday. The trouble at the Borehole is not expected to become very serious.

EFFECT AT MANILA.

The Governor has received a copy of a despatch, addressed to the Secretary of State for Foreign affairs, by the British Consul-General at Manila, in which he calls attention to the effect on trade by the recent miners' strike. The following is the despatch:—

Manila, Dec. 9, 1909. Sir,—I have the honour to report upon the serious effect which the strike of the Australian coalminers is having on local business. That it is affecting the shipment of freights is evidenced by the fact that steamers hence to Australia are refusing offers of cargo because they are forced to carry coal in their holds for the return journey. German ships are depositing any surplus they may have at Simpsonhafen, German New Guinea, where a coal depot is to be formed for the use of the German Lloyd steamers. Until the importation of coal from Australia ceased, but Japanese steamers passing by this route have been carrying cargoes of Moji coal for use in Australia. The shortage of Australian coal in Manila is at an acute stage, and deficiencies have to be made good from other quarters, particularly Japan, with the probable result that Japanese coal will become an established import to the permanent detriment of the trade with Australia. I have, etc., R. de R. LAYARD. Right Hon. Sir Edmund Grey, Bart., Foreign Office.

THE HIGH COURT.

THE BOOT TRADE DISPUTE.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

Argument was continued on Friday in the High Court on the special case submitted by Mr. Justice Higgins, as President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, in relation to the boot trade dispute. The parties in the matter are the Australian Boot Trade Employees' Federation (claimants) and Whybrow and Co. and eight others (respondents).

Resuming from the preceding afternoon, Mr. Duffy, who appeared for the claimant association, argued further that once a dispute was put before the Commonwealth Arbitration Court, that Court was bound to proceed with the settlement of the dispute by what means seemed best within appropriate limits.

Mr. Holman also addressed the Court on behalf of the claimant association.

Mr. M'Arthur, counsel for the Commonwealth, followed. He submitted that the Commonwealth had power to settle industrial disputes that connoted the making of awards, which in turn connoted the making of conditions for the future. It had power to appoint an agent for settling disputes. His view was that the whole controversy was on the question whether that agent was authorised to settle disputes regardless of State law, which stood in the way of effectively settling these disputes.

The Chief Justice: What is the meaning of "effectually?"

Mr. Justice Higgins: I don't think you could get a better concrete instance of that than this case.

Mr. M'Arthur would say a dispute could not be settled effectually when the president was not able to settle it in the way he considered just and fair. Effectual settlement was intended. It was not that the President of the Commonwealth Court might disregard all State law, but he might disregard an industrial State law which stood in the way of an effective settlement. It could not been intended by the Imperial Parliament that the Federal Court should be controlled by any one State, or that the affairs of one State should be controlled by another State.

The hearing was adjourned till Monday.

JAPANESE TRAINING SQUADRON.

ARRIVAL IN MORETON BAY.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

The two Japanese training cruisers, Aso and Soya arrived in Moreton Bay shortly after 6 o'clock to-night, and were boarded by a welcoming party, including the Mayor of Brisbane.

FATAL RIDING ACCIDENT.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

At Kumburra on Thursday Miss Jessie Morrison (32) was riding a small pony without saddle or bridle, and while cantering across a paddock was knocked off by the pony getting under the bough of a tree. Her collarbone was fractured, and a piece of bone pierced the lung, causing death in a few minutes by internal hemorrhage. Earlier in the day Miss Morrison said to a friend, "I feel as if something is going to happen to-day."

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BLAZE.

Owing to the fusing of an electric wire at the telephone exchange, Paddington, on Saturday night, a blaze occurred at the Paddington post-office. The brigade turned out, but there was little to do, as the only damage done was the fusing of line 327 and the burning of a number of coils in the annunciator.

BOISTEROUS WEATHER.

HEAVY GALES.

VESSELS SHELTERING.

TROPICAL RAINSTORM.

The tropical disturbance shown on Saturday morning off the Central Queensland coast worked still further southwards during Saturday afternoon and evening, and an intensification resulted in the unsettled weather conditions over the eastern half of the State. Fresh to strong and squally E. to S.E. winds with rough seas also occurred on the coast, and there were indications of the centre of the storm having passed eastward again in the vicinity of Sydney. Throughout Saturday continuous steady rain was experienced in the city, the heaviest occurring between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m., during which about 3 inches were registered. In all 374 points fell in the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. on Sunday. The greater part of this occurred whilst a blustering S.E. to S.W. wind was blowing, the mean hourly velocity of which ranged from 17 to 30 miles, the greatest velocity being at the rate of 50.4 miles per hour at 8.50 p.m., from the south-west.

In the suburbs, too, the rainfall was very heavy, varying from about two inches to nearly five inches, as follows:—Turramurra 481 points, Red Hill Observatory (Pennant Hills) 400, Hunter's Hill 380, Ryerview College 374, Bondi 368, Carlton 297, Strathfield 283, and Bankstown 249. The majority of these falls are the biggest records for 24 hours for a considerable time. Sydney's 374 points exceeds all past amounts as far back as July 28, 1908, when 572 points were registered in 24 hours. Taking into review the heaviest falls in the month of March, the quantity measured on Sunday has been exceeded but four times in 52 years, viz., 434 points on March 20, 1892; 566 on March 28, 1894; 445 points on March 19, 1863; and 403 points on March 24, 1867. The rainfall registered since the 9th instant amounts to 522 points, which exceeds the average for March by 13 points. The observer at Turramurra states that 694 points have fallen there in four days.

The following additional amounts were reported during Saturday afternoon:—Moss Vale 110, Picton 172, Gulgong 140, Mudgee 55, Cooma 18, Forbes 40, Wellington 97, Grenfell 66; and at 9 a.m. on Sunday on the coast Real Rocks registered 204 points, Mornya 174, Green Cape 81, Gabo 70, Maitland 153, Cape Hawke 120, Nelson's Bay 356, Grafton 260, and South Solitary 20 points. Belated 9 a.m. Saturday report: Byron Bay 294 points.

MINOR HARBOUR MISHAPS.

Saturday will be remembered as one of the roughest days people around Sydney have experienced for some time. In the morning a steady rain fell with a light wind, but as the day progressed the wind freshened, until in the afternoon it blew in heavy gusts, and made things very uncomfortable for those whose business took them on the harbour. As night approached the gale became worse, and sight accompanied had an anxious time. Two or three small mishaps caused by the fury of the gale occurred when making fast to the wharfs, and about 5 o'clock in the evening the Sydney Ferry steamer Koree, when coming alongside the Cremorne wharf, bumped it with such violence that damage was done to her starboard sponson. Several other masters of ferry vessels reported difficulty in handling their boats when coming alongside owing to the heavy storm. Vessels proceeding south from Sydney felt the full force of the gale, and several of the smaller craft, after vainly trying to make headway, ran for shelter, either returning to port or making for some sheltering headland.

All this time the rain poured down in torrents, and the few people who were travelling were only doing so because they were the victims of circumstances. It was decidedly unpleasant to be on the water, as those who were passengers by the boats found. On the weather side it was impossible to escape the spray that dashed over the vessels, and the driving rain almost entirely obscured the guiding lights. On board the Manly boats, as the steamers crossed the Heads they steered the usual heavy weather course, making for the lie of the Hornby lights on steering towards Dobroyde, and running in with the seas to Manly. On the return journey each steamer's head was brought into line with the Hornby light until she had passed through the worst of the rollers, after which the boats were squared up for Sydney.

One of the Manly boats, the Burra Burra,

and a jib topsail. The latter was lying down to it, and was clearly over-canvassed, but notwithstanding this she knocked 27 seconds off her deficit, leaving her 3m 45s astern of the Culwulla, when the second buoy was rounded by her at 4h 27m 40s. Culwulla having preceded her round this at 4h 23m 55s. On the lead across the Sydney boat had the same and only disadvantge of being the leader in that she had to find the rounding mark, which lay out to the west, right in the bright rays of the sun reflected from the face of the waters; but her skipper relied on his compass, and fetched his mark in good style. She jibed round this buoy, bringing her boom over to port, and then up went her spinnaker, to be followed by a balloon jib. Sayonara also jibed, and sent her big spinnaker up, but for some reason it did not go up with the same despatch as it did in yesterday's race. It is a well-known racing maxim that everything goes wrong in a boat which is being beaten, and everything goes right on the winning boat, and this may perhaps account for the fact that Culwulla's foreward hands showed the better work. Both boats presented a grand sight as they came down the wind with their spinnakers drawing and their mainsails broad off. They looked like two beautiful seabirds with white outspread wings. Sayonara came along very fast, and was reducing the distance between herself and her redoubtable little rival, but it would have meant going many long miles further than seven to catch the leader, and so the race was to Culwulla, which sped over the finishing line and took her gun at 5h 17m, having negotiated the whole course of 21 miles in 3 hours 17 minutes. The defender followed her at 5h 19m 35s, or 2 minutes 35 seconds behind, showing that she had picked up 1 minute 10 seconds. The Sydney boat met with a great reception, and the Victorians again showed that they can appreciate and commend the other man's success. The hundreds of people, on every sort and kind of craft, that cheered the Sydney boat and her skipper could not have done more if their favourite, the old "Sarah," had been the victor. Especially pleasing was the high compliment paid by the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, when it, immediately after the race, hauled two burgees aloft on its clubhouse flagstaff, and a grand sight it was to those who have battled to bring the cup back to Sydney that the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron's burgee was uppermost. The performance of Mr. Marks in his little ship was worthy of every commendation. He did not make a mistake. He beat the Sayonara on the rating by 14m 50s, because, if the contention that time allowance is to be given is the correct one, to his actual win of 2m 35s must be added the 12m 45s which Culwulla would receive under the British Yacht Racing Association scale of time allowances. As the matter now stands, the Sydney boat has won the first race on rating and the second without time, and so, if the decision on the case which it is proposed to send to England is in favour of the granting of time allowance, the cup will have to come to Sydney, and the long quest will be at an end.

Another race will be held on Monday, so that if the decision of the council of the Yacht Racing Association supports the contention of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, and it is held that no time allowance shall be given, there will be no doubt as to the result. If Culwulla leads Sayonara over the finishing line on Monday there will be no necessity for the case to go to England for the purposes of this contest, although it will no doubt eventually be referred to the council in order to set at rest a question which should not be allowed to remain an open one. Regarding the Sayonara's performance to-day, without in any way discounting the merits of Mr. Marks's work, it cannot be denied that the defender was not sailing in her usual style. She failed to show those magnificent weatherly qualities which she possesses, and was below her true form. She was over-canvassed during two-thirds of the race, the big topsail being her chief trouble all the way. It is a hard matter to gauge what the weight of wind on these waters is likely to be, especially at this time of the year, and any skipper may make a mistake in judging what will best suit his boat in a race which is going to last several hours. But it was apparent very early in the race that this large sail was burying the defender and dragging her to leeward, and that, whatever might happen, if it was taken off the chances of winning it up aloft were clearly very small. After the first half-hour the position was, no doubt, a hard one for Mr. Parker to face in his second appearance. As the skipper of the defender in so important a contest, he was probably relying on the assumption that he would want the big sail for the lead and run, but he apparently overlooked the fact that the first seven miles of windward work was the important matter, and that if he let the other boat lead him he would find a stern chase a long chase when it came to leading and running. The times, however, point to the fact that Culwulla will have to work up a good lead round the windward mark in Monday's race, for the defender will probably pick her up a good deal on the run, and will, if she gets any way near, blanket the smaller boat, and beat her even perhaps on the line.

The race on Monday will be over the first day's course, 10 miles to windward or leeward and back.

Mr. Marks and his crew were entertained by the Brighton Yacht Club at a smoke concert, at which the commodore (Mr. Hodges) referred in complimentary terms to Mr. Marks's performance, and the latter replied, referring specially to the self-denial shown by Mr. Allee in handing over the command of the Sayonara to Mr. Parker when he realised that he had not sufficiently recovered from his indisposition to do justice to the defence.

RUN OVER BY A TRUCK.

SHIP'S CAPTAIN KILLED.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

At Geelong to-day, Captain James Stott, master of the steamer Fitzclarence, was run over by a train on the railway pier and killed. Deceased, who was 50 years of age, was standing between the rails on the end siding of the pier in connection with his chief officer, Mr. John Williams, when a truck laden with 10 tons of wheat was "kicked" down from the shore end. The brakeman called out a warning, and the chief officer stepped clear, but deceased, who attempted to get away on the other side, was knocked down by the buffer. The wheels passed over his body, almost cutting it in two. Death was instantaneous. Deceased was a native of Aberdeen, and had been master of the Fitzclarence ever since she was launched, three years ago. Mrs. Stott, who was making the trip with her husband, was away shopping when the fatality occurred. As she was returning to the ship to lunch with her husband, she was met and informed of the dreadful occurrence.

FIRE AT YASS.

CONFLAGRATION AVERTED.

YASS, Sunday.

A fire which might have resulted in a serious conflagration broke out at the "Tribune" newspaper office early this morning. Mr. Samuel Sleeman, stock and station agent, who was sleeping in his office next door, was awakened at half-past 1 o'clock by the noise of burning wood, and discovered a blaze in the machine-room of the "Tribune" office. The brigade was soon on the scene, and quickly got the fire in hand. A heavy southerly wind was blowing at the time, and under the circumstances a good save was effected by the brigade. Little damage was done to the machinery and stock, the roof and sides of the building were considerably damaged by fire. Had the fire a few minutes' extra start the whole building would have been destroyed. The brigade would have had great difficulty in saving the adjoining buildings, as no water is available through the continued dry weather. A movement was recently started for a water supply for Yass. The townspeople are beginning to realise the hopeless position of the town in the face of any big fire.

MAN BRUTALLY ASSAULTED.

BY HIS SON.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

A sturdily-built young man named Thomas O'Brien pleaded guilty at the Maryborough Court yesterday to a charge of having unlawfully assaulted his father, Thomas O'Brien. The evidence of the father was that at 10 o'clock on Monday night last he was in bed, when his son came home after an absence of eight months in a drunken state. He said to his father, "You —— cow, I have come back to finish you," and commenced to assault him. Continuing, O'Brien said, "All I could get to work was my feet, and I used them pretty freely. My mom nearly strangled me. He pulled my arms out, and caught me by the throat. I have not been able to use my arms since, and my neck is swollen and the skin lacerated. I am sore all over. I gave him no provocation. All I said when he came in the room was that he was looking well, but had been drinking."

Accused was fined £3, or one month's imprisonment. He elected to go to gaol.

STRANDING OF THE KAIPARA.

£163,687 DAMAGES CLAIMED.

AUCKLAND, Sunday.

The New Zealand Shipping Company, in order to preserve its right of action under the Harbour Boards Act, has served the Auckland Harbour Board with notice of its intention to sue the board for £163,687 damages in connection with the grounding of the steamer Kaipara.

WHAT'S THE TIME?—The time for a glass of Wolfe's Schnapps.—Advt.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

THE FIGHT FOR WEST SYDNEY.

Nomination Day: Wednesday next. Polling Day: April 13.

"The Fusion has come to stay."—The Minister for Defence at Dubbo.

In order that legal effect may be given to the arrangements made by the Electoral Department for the Federal elections, a meeting of the Commonwealth Executive Council will be held in Sydney early this week.

"Those who are charged with the responsibilities of electing representatives must see that the men governing the country shall have a majority of the people behind them."—Opportune remark by Mr. J. S. T. M'Gowen at North Sydney.

Mr. E. S. Carr, the Labour member for Macquarie, can at least claim the virtue of candour: "Yes, I voted for the increase of £200 to my salary," he declared at Forest Reefs recently, "but even that is not enough!"

In view of the decision arrived at by the conference of branches of Liberal Leagues in the Nepean electorate on Saturday, when Mr. E. K. Bowden's candidature was endorsed by an overwhelming majority, it is now fully expected that Mr. Sydney Smith will retire from the contest, and enable the Liberal ranks to be closed up.

"Mr. Hughes and Mr. Spence say that the work of last session was made up of 'small, unimportant matters.' So it comes to this: That old-age pensions, the amended Seamen's Compensation Act, the High Commissioner Act, the Capital Site Act, Electoral Amendment Act, Coinage Act, Anti-Trust Act, Patents Act, Bills of Exchange Act, Marine Insurance Act, to say nothing of the financial agreement, were small and unimportant!" May be they are to men who said, as Mr. Watson did, that a new earth could be created by the stroke of a pen."—Mr. Joseph Cook at Dubbo.

The meeting held at Penrith by Mr. Bowden and Mr. Cook last week was one of the largest political meetings ever held in the hall. The meeting appeared to be almost unanimously in favour of Mr. Bowden. A man present in the meeting was persistently interjecting on behalf of Mr. Sydney Smith. "I venture to say," said Mr. Cook, "that I know Mr. Sydney Smith better than the man who is interjecting." This remark caused great laughter among the audience when it was discovered that the interjector was Mr. Smith's own brother.

The women of the Glebe mustered strongly on Saturday night at the local Town Hall in connection with the candidature of Mr. Stanley Cole, the chosen of the Liberal party for West Sydney. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and was presided over by Mrs. A. N. Jonsen. The candidate, who got a flattering reception, made a short but earnest appeal to the women of West Sydney to do their part in returning the Fusion Government and their supporters to power. Mrs. Mosley, Senators Walker and Gould, Alderman Percy Lucas, and Mr. James Muir also delivered speeches, and the meeting showed itself strongly in sympathy with the Liberal cause.

Mr. Joseph Cook addressed a meeting at Coonamble on Friday night in support of Mr. J. G. Carroll, selected Liberal candidate for the Darling, and was accorded a splendid reception. Reports from this part of the electorate indicate that the prospects of Mr. Carroll's success are increasingly bright.

Speaking at Hay last week, Senator Millen strongly defended the fusion. He declared that the action of freetraders and protectionists in coalescing was justified after the fiscal policy of Australia had been definitely settled by three elections. Objections to the fusion on fiscal considerations came, he said, with a bad grace from the labourites, who had sunk their fiscal beliefs for nine years, and he reminded them that the protectionist tariff could not have been passed at all without the assistance of the freetrads Labour members.

Mr. W. C. Clegg, the Liberal candidate for Cook, when addressing the working men of Alexandria a few evenings ago, claimed that in this contest he represented the best interests of the working men in the community, and that his opponent, Mr. Catts, represented a policy that was going to strike the working man first of all. The issue in the electorate, he said, was not Liberalism against Labour, but genuine Labour against socialistic proposals. A number of the audience were with the speaker on this point, but the great majority were against him. "Well," continued Mr. Clegg, "it is more than that. It is an issue as to whether the working men are going to retain the increased wages and improved conditions they have obtained under Liberal government, or whether they are going to lose them by endorsing my opponent's policy."

"As to the financial agreement, there will be no security unless it goes into the Constitution. I for one will take no guarantee such as Mr. Hughes can give. It will not be worth a snap of the finger. Mr. Hughes is a mere puppet of the caucus, and has to do what he is told in these matters. It is a huge joke to hear a caucus man offer guarantees 10 years ahead. I prefer to trust the people to politicians of the Hughes type. The control of the purse is far safer in the hands of the people than in the keeping of a caucus which is busily engaged in promoting all sorts of fantastic and experimental schemes. To carry out a tithe of these would take all the money raised, and then the States might whistle for their share!"—Mr. Joseph Cook at Dubbo.

Reports from the Hunter district show that Dr. Liddell, the Liberal candidate, is conducting a vigorous campaign throughout the electorate. He travels night and day, and will have visited every centre by the time polling day arrives. Dr. Liddell had up till Thursday last addressed 36 meetings in 22 days. In some of the most scattered portions of the electorate little interest seemed to be taken in Commonwealth affairs, many being quite apathetic on the subject of the State debts and financial agreement questions, or even as to the election of the members. But Dr. Liddell's tour has to some extent aroused interest. Local reports state that although a hard fight is certain the seat would be assured for the Liberal candidate if Liberal electors in the less concentrated portions of the constituency would but spare the time to record their votes.

"It is claimed," said Mr. Joseph Cook at Dubbo, "that all the work done by the fusion Government was work which the Labour party had been doing. Is that the reason why they tried to prevent it being done? They tried to prevent a 't' being crossed or an 'i' dotted Were they then trying to prevent their own work being done? One begins to see the meaning of Mr. Hughes' statement that they 'in this election challenge the anti-Labour party for place and power.' They evidently think more of place and power than the work to be done, even when it is their own work. Really our friends are very ungrateful. The moment the fusion Government began to do the work of the session the Labour party emptied the slop-palls of their vengeful wrath over us, and they loosed the floods of Billingsgate on our devoted heads—and now it is all over they calmly claim the work as theirs!"

A noticeable feature of the meetings of Mr. W. E. Johnson, the selected Liberal candidate for Lang, is the attendance in force of the supporters of his Labour opponent, who from the outset attempt to take charge of the proceedings, and bombard Mr. Johnson with a fusilade of interjections. Mr. Johnson, however, seems rather to enjoy interruption, as long as it is in moderation, as the interjections generally enable him to score heavily at the expense of the interjectors. For instance, at St. Peters some Labourites interjected that Mr. Johnson was the candidate of the "landlords, capitalists, and boodlers." He reminded the audience at once of a speech made by Labour member Mr. King O'Malley, in which that gentleman declared himself and those associated with him to be "all boodlers," and he added that Mr. O'Malley, as a landlord, capitalist, and keen investment speculator, could certainly pose as an authority. "I know of no people," he said, "who are so keen in scenting out profit-promising private capitalistic enterprises as the Parliamentary members of the anti-capitalistic, anti-profit mongering, socialistic Labour party." The work of organising is being done very much more effectively in this electorate on both sides than hitherto, and as a result is is expected that, given fair weather conditions, the poll will be much heavier than at last election.

It looks as though the fight between Mr. W. M. Hughes and the Mayor of the Glebe for West Sydney seat is going to be one of the keenest battles of the campaign. At the last election the Liberal candidate, Mr. Burns, was practically unknown in the electorate, came out almost at the last moment, and went to the poll without the assistance of a well-organised committee, and yet Mr. Hughes only beat him by about 1500 votes. But on this occasion Mr. Hughes has to contend with one of the best-known men of West Sydney, and a man of municipal and political experience, who can claim a large following. Then there is the split in the ranks of Labour caused by the breaking away of the socialistic section, and the determination of that party to run their own candidate. This will mean that the great majority of the coal-lumpers—a big item in the voting strength of Miller's Point—will cast their votes in favour of Mr. Holland. The wharf-labourers also are not solid for Mr. Hughes, as the socialistic element, which was hostile to Mr. Hughes all through the recent strike, will no doubt cast its vote in favour of Mr. Holland. Then the wholesale demolition of houses on such areas as Athlone-place and portions of the Rocks centre at Miller's Point and the substitution of warehouses and other business premises for dwellings throughout the electorate has removed from West Sydney the homes and hence the votes of a large number who hitherto have always been found solid for the chosen Labour candidate. In view of these things, the Liberal party has great hopes of just about beating Mr. Hughes. But, on the other hand, the Labour party is just as confident. It points to the victory Mr. Hughes gained in the strike, even with a strongly-organised socialistic element fighting hard to upset him. And it is a fact that a very large section of the working men of West Sydney call Mr. Hughes nasty names when outside, but when he gets them together in meeting assembled they become spellbound under the influence of his oratory, and vote solidly at his dictation. However, what the waterside workers will do on this occasion with Mr. Hughes remains to be seen. All parties are very confident, and it is certain that the contest will be close indeed.

The Minister for Defence, Mr. Cook, returned to Sydney yesterday morning from his tour of the north-western districts. He held important meetings at Dubbo, Coonamble, and Blayney. Referring last night to the prospects of the Liberal candidate in those electorates, he said there was a great battle going on out there, but that he had every confidence that Liberalism would succeed. He leaves this morning for Goulburn, and after speaking there he will visit Cootamundra and Young. Meanwhile arrangements are going on in his own electorate for a series of meetings.

THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

A meeting of Ministerial supporters is to be held to-morrow to discuss the financial agreement. The Treasurer (Mr. Watt) will ask them to co-operate with Ministers in explaining the agreement to the people, and urging them to vote in favour of it.

MR. DEAKIN IN QUEENSLAND.

TOOWOOMBA, Sunday.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin) arrived at Toowoomba by mail train last night. He was met by the Minister for External Affairs (Mr. Crouch) at the Toowoomba railway station he was welcomed to the city and driven to the Town Hall, where a civic welcome was extended.

Mr. Deakin, in replying, said that Australia had now a High Commissioner in London who could speak for the States collectively. He looked forward with the greatest expectation to that leading to the cultivation of a better understanding on the part of the press and public men of the mother country. There remained a great deal to be done in that way, for even such magnificent products as that known and valued as it should be in Great Britain, as affording opportunities for investments and immigration.

NEPEAN.

MR. BOWDEN'S CANDIATURE CONFIRMED

On Saturday afternoon a conference of delegates from the various Liberal and Reform League branches of the Nepean electorate was held in the Granville Council-chamber. There were about 40 delegates present, the following branches being represented:—Rookwood, Auburn, Granville, Seven Hills, Guildford, Fairfield, Springwood, Concord, Strathfield, Rooty Hill, Campbelltown, Lithgow, Woodford, Penrith, and Katoomba. There were also representatives of several ladies' branches present.

On the motion of Mr. M'Kenzie (Strathfield), seconded by Mr. H. Field (Woodford), it was resolved that the amalgamated conference form itself into a council for the electorate of the Nepean. Alderman Dr. Kerr (Granville) was unanimously elected president of the council.

Dr. Kerr, in taking the chair, said that they were not there to select a candidate, but to know what they were going to do in regard to organisation. There was a difficulty for them to face, and it was for them to make an effort to secure unanimity. Personally he would say if it was the wish of the meeting that those present be bound by the vote of the majority.

Mr. Davis (Penrith) moved a resolution to this effect, which, after some discussion, was negatived.

Mr. Lidbury (Rookwood) wanted to know whether the convener of the meeting had the assurance of the candidates that they were willing to abide by the decision arrived at by that meeting.

The chairman said it was hoped that the meeting, if it came to a decision, would have the support of both parties. What they wished to avoid was a split.

Mr. Lidbury said that he had word from Mr. Sydney Smith that if Mr. Bowden was properly selected he would loyally support him.

Mr. Davis moved,—"That this conference expresses regret at the situation that had arisen in the Nepean electorate by the withdrawal of the Liberal supporters; and, while recognising the services which Mr. Sydney Smith has given in the past to the Liberal party, both in Federal and State politics, regrets that it is unable to endorse his candidature for the Nepean; but, in view of the loyal and able services given by Mr. E. K. Bowden in the last Parliament, expresses its continued confidence in him, and pledges itself to do all that it can to secure his return to Parliament at the ensuing election. (2) That the chairman be requested to communicate immediately to Mr. Smith, in order, if possible, to get him to withdraw from the coming contest just before nomination day." The mover said it was with feelings of sympathy with Mr. Smith that he took this course. Mr. Smith had been led to believe that as an independent Liberal candidate he had a great following. As a vote-splitter he had some support in Rookwood and Rooty Hill. He believed Mr. Smith was a loyal Liberal at heart, and that if it was shown to him that he was only a vote-splitter he would retire.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. T. F. H. Mackenzie.

Mr. James Angus (Rooty Hill) said he was not there to support the candidature of either Mr. Bowden or Mr. Smith, but to ask the central executive to allow the local league to make its own selection.

Mr. Lidbury said that if that conference resolved itself into a selection committee he would retire. They were called to organise—not to select a candidate. He was prepared to abide by the decision of the majority.

After further desultory conversation it was resolved that the question be now put.

Mr. Angus then intimated that he desired to move an amendment, but the chairman said he could not accept it.

The resolution was then put and carried, Mr. Angus voting against it, while Mr. Lidbury and another delegate refrained from voting.

On the motion of Mr. H. Field (Woodford), seconded by Mr. Bursill (Campbelltown), it was resolved,—"That this meeting of combined branches of the Nepean electorate endorses the candidature of Mr. E. K. Bowden."

Mr. Archdale Parkhill, secretary of the N.S.W. Federal Liberal League, who was present, said that the central executive was only too pleased to see the local bodies acting. They had no desire to usurp the functions of the local branches. Not one of Mr. Sydney Smith's old Parliamentary associates were upholding him in his present action. It could do no good, and would only bring about a certain amount of dishonour to a long and honourable career. He asked the meeting to organise in all the centres, so as to minimise the harm that had been done.

Six delegates were appointed to wait on Mr. Smith and ask him to retire from the contest, so as not to jeopardise the chance of the selected candidate.

ELECTION MEETINGS.

Mr. W. E. Johnson: Excelsior Hall, Marrickville, 8.
Mr. W. H. Kelly: Waverley Hall, Waverley, 8.
Mr. J. C. Watson: East Sydney, Oddfellows' Temple, 8
Mr. Bruce Smith: Fern Hill, 8.
Mr. W. M. Hughes: West Sydney Hotel, 8.
Mr. W. M. Hughes: Australian Youth Hotel, 9.

WHAT'S THE TIME?—The time for a glass of Wolfe's Schnapps.—Advt.

TRIBAL FIGHT.

IN NORTHERN TERRITORY

MARAUDERS HACKED TO DEATH.

PORT DARWIN, Saturday.

James Runcie M'Pherson, who arrived here a few days ago in his lugger from a trepanging expedition along the coast to eastward, reports that while working in Rolling Bay he witnessed a singularly ferocious and fatal tribal fight between 50 Junction Bay natives employed by him in trepanging and a marauding expedition of Liverpool River natives, numbering 30 or 40 braves. The fight took place on a cleared space near the seashore. M'Pherson pulled ashore to his smokehouse on the morning of January 24, and noticed that only a few of his working natives were about. He was told they were expecting a fight with hostile natives. At about 4 p.m. that day a peculiarly blood-curdling yell rang out from some bushes about 200 yards away, and immediately following this scores of ghastly white-painted figures darted out from thick bushes on either side of the clearing at the rear of the smokehouse. The air was soon thick with flying spears, and the combatants approached within 15 yards of each other. The spears used were large, heavy barbed ones. The natives on either side showed amazing quickness in avoiding or warding off these barb-pointed deathdealers. In about a quarter of an hour nearly all the spears were broken. One of the Junction Bay natives was then transfixed by a large spear as he was in the act of stooping to pick up a spear thrown by an opponent. The transfixing of this man seemed to fill both sides with ferocious fury. They immediately closed, and a furious hand-to-hand melee ensued.

The Junction Bay natives had an advantage in numbers and weapons, being armed with knives, tomahawks, and iron bars 4ft long made from hatch battens taken from the wreck of the steamer Australian. Their opponents had only ordinary bush waddies and woomeras. The iron bars proved deadly weapons, inflicting ghastly wounds wherever they struck. Within half an hour the survivors of the marauding party fled into the scrub, leaving 11 of their number on the field. These were immediately hacked and beaten to death with tomahawks and iron bars. Those who fled were pursued, and M'Pherson thinks that few, if any, escaped. On going ashore on the following morning M'Pherson found that all the bodies had been cremated, only a few charred bones being left in the still smouldering fire. M'Pherson states that a wonderful lot of odds and ends from the wreck of the steamer Australian is in the hands of the natives. Hundreds of miles down the coast in one camp he found a much-prized oval mirror, which probably once adorned one of the steamer's saloon cabins.

The natives of Liverpool River are of an exceptionally treacherous and murderous character, as proved by several outrages perpetrated in the neighbourhood during recent years. It was in this neighbourhood that two buffalo hunters named Moore and M'Kenzie were killed in 1895, but in that case it was known that the murdered men had stolen the native gins, thereby abducting native women. They were shot with their own rifles by two natives named Copperang and Nabaloora, who later were arrested, tried, and sentenced to death. Owing to the proven facts, however, the death sentence was not executed, and after remaining in gaol 11 months both were released. They returned to their own country, and probably are still alive, and may be more dangerous as the result of their brief experience of the white man's different ways. It is only since then that Mr. M'Pherson narrowly escaped being speared to death while carrying on trepanging operations in the Liverpool River mouth. On that occasion, he was suddenly and treacherously attacked by a number of these natives while trepanging in the smokehouse, in which he had been engaged curing trepang. All his own boys at this time were away in canoes gathering trepang. His first intimation of danger was the suspicious swishing of a dozen or more large spears through the thatch of the smokehouse, which he was sitting smoking and half dreaming. Fortunately, he was armed with a rifle and revolver, and retreated back towards the edge of the water, while 15 or 20 yelling, dancing natives congregated on the scrub-covered bank behind the smokehouse, and continued hurling spears. Some of these he warded off with the rifle, and others he dodged; while springing to one side to avoid one spear, another missile struck him on the point of the hip. The sharp barbed point broke off in the wound, but did not lodge in the fleshy part of the thigh. At the moment he felt only a sharp twinge of pain, and broke the spear shaft off with his hand. He then fired and shot one of the natives, and the remainder disappeared in the scrub. Subsequently on board his lugger, he made fast his lanyard to the broken spearhead, and himself dragged it out by main strength, but eight of the barbed points broke off and remained in the wound. Nearly two weeks elapsed before he reached Port Darwin, and suffered agonies in the meantime. He was operated on at the Palmerston Hospital, and eight broken barbed points were extracted from the wound. This incident occurred in July, 1909. On the present occasion, Mr. M'Pherson states that when he heard the signal cry coming from the scrub, he was sitting on an upturned bucket near the smokehouse cutting up tobacco preparatory to having a comfortable smoke. He remained a passive and fascinated spectator to the whole gruesome tableaux, which occurred within 100 yards of where he was sitting. The whirring rush of heavy spears to and fro, the ghost-like way in which the wild, white-painted forms on each side avoid these, bounding high in the air, then leaping on one side, and at times dashing the spears aside with a sweeping curb of their waddies, or waddies, giving vent the while to wild yells and harsh cries of defiance, made a weird and savage picture. When Mr. M'Pherson's Junction Bay boy Billy was speared towards the end of this duel of spears, both sides appeared to go mad, and apparently became devoid of all sense of fear. As Billy fell, transfixed by a great barbed spear, they "saw red," and, as if fired by mutual impulse, both sides closed up, and a fierce hand-to-hand melee ensued, such as Mr. M'Pherson had never previously witnessed between natives. In their horrible white masks of warpaint, and with blazing eyes and every feature instinct with the pure savage, devilish and murderous lust for blood, they presented a fearsome and terrifying spectacle to the lonely onlooker. On the termination of the fight, when the victorious natives began to bash out the brains of the disabled with iron bars and tomahawks, Mr. M'Pherson, sickened by the spectacle, started to walk down to his dinghey. Before he reached his boat, however, a dozen of the Junction Bay boys came running after him, demanding his rifle. Several were bespattered with blood, and on their condition of murderous excitement, he deemed it wise to comply with their demand. He slipped out the cartridges, and immediately thereafter the weapon was plucked suddenly from his hand, and the whole party dashed off in pursuit of their enemies. He had hardly got on board his lugger when some of them came running with the empty rifle, clamouring for cartridges, but to this demand he did not think wise to yield.

The party of Junction Bay natives who went in pursuit of their foes did not return to the camp until late the following day. When questioned by Mr. M'Pherson, they denied having overtaken any of the Liverpool River natives, but as several of them bore dried bloodstains on their bodies, and they appeared completely exhausted. Mr. M'Pherson believes further fighting took place in the bush, and that few of the murderers lived to return to their homes.

Rolling Bay is a kind of neutral territory, situated between Junction Bay and the Liverpool River, and the bulk, or more, of Junction Bay natives were employed by Mr. M'Pherson in his trepanging business. Mr. M'Pherson has brought back with him the Junction Bay native who was wounded, also the spear which caused the wound, and several other specimens of the battle.

ALLEGED HIGH SEAS MURDER.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

After a lengthy hearing at Gladstone, the case in which Hector McLean, second engineer of the steamer Strathness, was charged with having murdered Pun Yan, a Chinese fireman, on the high seas, has been concluded. The Chief Justice summed up in accused's favour, and after a short retirement the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

DON'T PUT OFF till-to-morrow what you ought to do to-day. We know one thing you ought to do to-day, if you have not already done it, and that is order a pound of "Robur" Tea from your grocer. If you want Tea for everyday family use, tell him to bring "No. 2" Grade.

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THE TRUCK FAMINE.

EFFECTS ON THE WESTERN COLLIERIES.

REDUCED OUTPUT AND LOSS IN WAGES.

LITHGOW, Friday.

Further heavy losses have occurred owing to the scarcity of trucks. This is an old complaint in Lithgow. It was a cause of trouble away back in the eighties. It has been with us, in more or less acute form, for about 25 years. Miners and colliery proprietors have, therefore, become accustomed to it. But usage does not mitigate the hardship. These inland collieries are absolutely dependent on a regular supply of railway trucks. In the Newcastle and Illawarra districts carriage by sea is responsible for the bulk of the trade. Here railway communication is everything.

In the past, as a rule, the truck famine has been felt here most severely during the busy period on the railways. That is between the months of November and March, when the wool and wheat and other produce had to be taken from inland stations to the seaboard. For years the fear of congestion on the railways has always been created by a good harvest. To the industrial population of this district a good harvest invariably meant an intermittent supply of trucks for local use. The railways were not equal to the task of coping at the same time with a big harvest and the mineral and manufacturing output of the west. One section or the other was subjected to vexatious delays—which, of course, meant loss—and not infrequently both the wheatgrower and the coalminer were protesting in unison. It is a fact beyond doubt or dispute that the resources of the Railway Department have not kept pace with the growth of traffic.

This season, up to the latter part of February, Lithgow escaped the usual result of an abundant harvest. True, the position was abnormal. When, just before Christmas, the western miners returned to work coal was at famine prices throughout the Commonwealth. The foreign coal ordered by the Government was not in sight, and the State railway supplies were running low. The transport of coal from the only producing mines in New South Wales was imperative, and the full resources of the department were placed at the disposal of the Lithgow collieries. This undoubtedly delayed the carriage of wheat and other produce, but the urgency of the case allowed no option. The position was maintained for nearly two months, when work was resumed at the southern collieries, and the general strain was materially relieved. Very soon the supply of trucks to Lithgow was reduced. Presumably this reduction was made because the Railway Commissioners found it necessary to devote more effort to the transport of wheat.

The correspondence published in the "Herald" between Mr. J. M. Paxton, shipping agent, and the Great Cobar Company at Lithgow illustrates the vexatious delays and losses which have beset colliery proprietors and miners in the Lithgow Valley in past years. But the Lithgow Valley local collieries which have suffered the most in recent weeks are the Lithgow and Hermitage. These at present employ about 500 men. It is calculated that the loss of wages at these two pits, throughout the city, for the fortnight ended last Saturday, the full limit, was about £500. During the present week the time lost up to date has been: Lithgow colliery—Monday, night shift lost 2 hours 25 minutes; Tuesday and Thursday, day shift did not work. Hermitage colliery—Monday, night shift lost 2½ hours; Wednesday and Friday, night shift did not work. Thus the night shift in each pit has lost about two-fifths of the working time this week. There was no lack of orders, and the men were ready to fill them, but the supply of trucks was only sufficient to keep the day shifts at work. It is reported that the men are disconcerted, and this heavy "cut" in their week's earnings—to the average miner the loss would probably amount to 25s—is calculated to breed dissatisfaction.

The smaller collieries on the Mudgee line appear to have fared ill, also, since the strike terminated, and complaint has been frequent and emphatic. A report from Cullen Bullen this week states that "each day men, who have been making fair wages, are compelled to leave as the shortage (of trucks) has existed for a considerable time." And again: "The Invincible colliery has been idle for three successive days during the fortnight, besides many hours in other days. The Great Western colliery has been served in a like manner."

As to the remedy, people here who have given thought to the matter urge that duplication of the main lines is the only effective and permanent remedy. They contend that an outgrown the capacity of a single line, and when that point is reached no addition to the number of trucks can avail. It was on these lines that Lithgow people argued when, in 1901, they urged the duplication of the mountain sections, as well as the cutting out of the Zig-zag. A good deal of the mountain section has long been doubled, and the work of cutting out the Zig-zag is well under way. But the growth of traffic has proceeded rapidly since 1901, and an extension of the same policy is now urgently demanded. A double line of rails is needed from Sydney to Bathurst; then to Orange. In no other way can the producing interests of the Western districts be adequately served. Delay, or hesitation, in grappling with this problem spells stagnation. Hitherto, unfortunately, nothing has been done except under the pressure of sheer necessity. There has been no initiative, no intelligent forecasting of events.

ALLEGED CATTLE STEALING.

NORTH QUEENSLAND CASES.

CHARTERS TOWERS (Q.), Saturday.

In the Christmas Creek case all the defendants were committed for trial, but were admitted to bail.

In the Selheim case, in which six cattle were shot, was commenced on Friday. Daniel Gauvin, one of the accused, was discharged, no evidence being offered. John Dick, John Lawson Dick (his son), Charles Lamont, Albert Olsen, and Robert Cummings, were charged with cattle stealing. No new facts were elicited, except that Bella Dick, daughter of Dick, senior, gave evidence. It was on her statement at the house that Olsen had brought clean-skin calves, and that her father had branded cattle, that the men were arrested. She also gave a written statement, and this statement she endorsed in the witness-box, swearing that Olsen brought the calves, and her father branded them with his brand in the presence of his son, Olsen, Cummings, and Lamont. Her position was a painful one, and aroused much sympathy in court.

NEWCASTLE SHOW.

INTERRUPTED BY HEAVY RAIN.

NEWCASTLE.—Owing to the heavy rain that fell continuously through Friday night and Saturday, the third day of the Newcastle Agricultural Society's show was completely spoiled. On Saturday morning the committee wisely decided to postpone the ring events, which consisted mainly of trotting races and jumping contests until next Saturday, when it is hoped the weather will be more favourable. The exhibits have now been taken away from the grounds.

BARQUE NIGER REFLOATED.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

The barque Niger, bound for Newcastle in ballast, which went ashore at Troubridge on Friday, was towed off on Sunday, and returned to the Semaphore anchorage.

CASUALTIES.

BETWEEN TRUCK AND PLATFORM.

Roderick M'Kenzie, a railway employee, was working on Saturday in the Darling Harbour railway yard, when he fell between a truck and the platform. The truck went past, jamming M'Kenzie against the platform. He escaped with a rather severe injury to the left knee, but was taken to Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance, and admitted. M'Kenzie lives in Pyrmont-street, Pyrmont.

FRACTURED SKULL.

Albert Joyce, 32, a fireman, living in Harvey-street, Pyrmont, fell downstairs at his residence shortly before 2 o'clock on Friday morning, and sustained a fractured skull. He was taken to Sydney Hospital and admitted.

CHILD SEVERELY BURNED.

CESSNOCK, Saturday.

A severe burning accident occurred at Payne's Crossing on Thursday morning, the victim being a young daughter of Mr. A. Coady. The child was discovered running towards the dairy with her clothes alight. The clothes were quickly torn off, when it was found the child was badly burnt about the back.

PORTLAND, Saturday.

About midnight on Thursday James W. Monaghan was found lying in a deep cutting on the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company's railway line, having apparently fallen about 30 feet. On examination by Dr. Wilson life was found to be extinct. His neck was dislocated, and in addition one leg was broken. The district coroner held an inquiry this afternoon, when a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—March 12.

Myra Fell, s, 3050 tons, Captain Darley, from Newcastle. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Namoi, s, 1414 tons, Captain Nilsson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Hazel Craig, bq, 467 tons, Captain Whitton, from Newcastle, bound for Wellington.

Our Jack, s, 572 tons, Captain Hunt, from Camden Haven. Allen Taylor and Co., Ltd., agents.

Bellinger, s, 229 tons, Captain Rotten, from the Bellinger Rivers. Allen Taylor and Co., Ltd., agents.

Minimbah, new steamer, from the Clyde, via ports. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

March 13.

Peterborough, s, 150 tons, Captain Rasmussen, from Shoalhaven. Illawarra and S.C.S.N. Company, agents.

Rosedale, s, 274 tons, Captain Nicholson, from Bellinger River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Ramornie, s, 846 tons, Captain Beach, from Richmond River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Moreeby, s, 1763 tons, Captain Finch, from Cooktown, via ports. Burns, Philp

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A good amount of business for a Saturday was effected at the closing "call" of the week. Union bank of Australia shares rose 5/, Goldsborough, Mort, and Co. eased /3, Sargent's rose /2, other sales being at late rates.

The following ... ies were reported:—Tooth and Co., 44 6; Hotel Metropole, 30/; Abermain Coal, 33/; Union Bank, £67/10/; Sargents, Ltd., 23/6; R. H. Gordon and Co., cum. rights, 30/; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 66/9; Colonial Sugar, £18/10/; Bank of New South Wales, £46/15/.

FINANCIAL.

THE REFERENDUM AND THE DEBTS.

On the subject of the coming financial referendum Messrs. Mullens and Co. write in their "Stock and Share List":—

REFERENDUM.—The Commonwealth is taking a vote during the coming elections to so alter the Constitution as to secure—

1. The termination or otherwise of the agreement made with the States to substitute for the Braddon clause a return to the States of 25s per head of the population.

2. The power to take over all or part of the present or future debts of the States.

To the first question it is right to vote "Yes," to the second. Even if the second proposition is carried, there is no Commonwealth can at any time practically wipe out any of the States. The proposition is simply monstrous. The Commonwealth gives nothing in return for the gift it seeks to effect. It has power now to take over two hundred millions of the debts, which, if true, would immediately demonstrate to the States the injury inflicted on them, for then the States would become second-rate borrowers, and have to pay at least 1/2 per cent. more than now for new money and renewals. The Commonwealth itself by becoming an additional borrower in the market would not get money any cheaper, say, than New South Wales does now, but the public would have to pay more, and would certainly reduce the value of all State issues. It is difficult to see how guilelessly some politicians are misleading their constituents to give away (not even sell) their State rights. When any arrangement for the transfer of Commonwealth unlimited power over State indebtedness is made the Commonwealth should guarantee to find such money as the States may require. Then States would have to find its own interest, which would automatically check borrowing. Under such conditions the Commonwealth would become the sole borrower, the States would gradually disappear, and in a few centuries interest might fairly be looked for. As sole borrower only can the Commonwealth look for a higher ranking in the money market of the world.

Messrs. Mullens set out by misstating the objects of the referendum, and having done so proceed to tear to pieces their own fiction. The referendum No. 2 does not propose to give "unlimited power" to the Commonwealth "to take over all or part of future debts of the States." All it proposes to do is to give the Commonwealth the power to take over the debts as existing, to bring the Constitution up to date as it were. Anyone would think that "grabbing debts" and "stealing assets" were convertible terms. If the Commonwealth after taking over 200 millions sterling of debts will convert the States into second-rate borrowers, what sort of borrowers would the States become if the Commonwealth left them with their debts on their hands, and itself free from liabilities, then proceeded to compete against them in the London, and possibly in the local markets? Were the Commonwealth authorities entirely foolish this is what they would do. How could the Commonwealth guarantee to find any money the States may require as suggested. Such guarantees are beyond the power of even Governments. What Messrs. Mullens and others likewise fail with them seem to overlook is that by advising the rejection of one part of the referendum proposals they run the risk of both being rejected, and this would be a calamity that the very States which they profess to hold in such esteem might never survive.

PRESERVING LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

The anti-trust and anti-dumping Act, known officially as the Australian Industries' Preservation Act, which was originally passed in 1906, has now been amended on several points, and alone those of 1909 coming into force at the beginning of the current month, long notice having been given. The law on this subject is divided into two sections, that dealing more particularly with trusts and "combines," and that restricting the "dumping" of goods from abroad. Under the first heading heavy penalties are provided for any action by way of contract with the intent of restraining trade to the detriment of the public, or of destroying or injuring by means of any unfair competition any Australian industry of advantage to the Commonwealth. Any person who, to the detriment of the public, monopolises or attempts to monopolise any part of the oversea or interstate trade is also made liable to a penalty. In the machinery section of this part special powers are given to the Crown to call for books and documents, and to require parties reasonably suspected of acting in contravention of the Act to answer questions bearing upon the matter.

"ANTI-DUMPING" PROVISIONS.

Under the heading of prevention and dumping, provision is made that the Controller-General of Customs, on receiving a complaint in writing, and believing that any person is importing goods with intent to destroy or injure any Australian industry by their sale or disposal within the Commonwealth at a price lower than the value of all such goods, may certify to the Minister accordingly. Thereupon the Minister may refer the matter to a Justice of the High Court for inquiry, notifying in the "Gazette" that such has been done. From the date of the publication in the "Gazette" until the question of determination of the Justice, the goods forming the subject of the inquiry shall be deemed to be prohibited imports, unless imported subject to a bond for the value of the goods) given by the importer, and with a margin of 10 per cent. of the amount to be in favour of the importer. In arriving at a decision in the matter, the Justice is given power to inquire as to any things or matters which he considers pertinent or necessary. The Justice must sit in open court, and be guided by good conscience and the merits of the case, without regard to legal forms or technicalities. The determination of the Justice is final and conclusive, and without appeal. In the event of the Justice finding that the goods in question are being imported with the intent alleged, and that their importation should be prohibited, either absolutely or only if subject to specified conditions, the publication of the determination in the "Gazette" will have the effect of a proclamation under the Customs Act, prohibiting the importation of the goods, either absolutely or conditionally, as the case may be. As to penalties, if the case is decided in favour of the importer. In arriving at a decision in the matter, the Justice is given power to inquire as to any things or matters which he considers pertinent or necessary. The Justice must sit in open court, and be guided by good conscience and the merits of the case, without regard to legal forms or technicalities. The determination of the Justice is final and conclusive, and without appeal. In the event of the Justice finding that the goods in question are being imported with the intent alleged, and that their importation should be prohibited, either absolutely or only if subject to specified conditions, the publication of the determination in the "Gazette" will have the effect of a proclamation under the Customs Act, prohibiting the importation of the goods, either absolutely or conditionally, as the case may be. As to penalties, if the case is decided in favour of the importer, the value of the goods forming the subject of the inquiry is to be ascertained, and a penalty not exceeding double that value may be imposed. If the case is decided in favour of the importer, the value of the goods forming the subject of the inquiry shall be deemed to be prohibited imports, unless imported subject to a bond for the value of the goods) given by the importer, and with a margin of 10 per cent. of the amount to be in favour of the importer. In arriving at a decision in the matter, the Justice is given power to inquire as to any things or matters which he considers pertinent or necessary. The Justice must sit in open court, and be guided by good conscience and the merits of the case, without regard to legal forms or technicalities. The determination of the Justice is final and conclusive, and without appeal. In the event of the Justice finding that the goods in question are being imported with the intent alleged, and that their importation should be prohibited, either absolutely or only if subject to specified conditions, the publication of the determination in the "Gazette" will have the effect of a proclamation under the Customs Act, prohibiting the importation of the goods, either absolutely or conditionally, as the case may be. As to penalties, if

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Up to 9 p.m. to-day Mr. R. C. Hungerford secretary, will receive entries for the Easter meeting of the New South Wales Trotting Club, to be held on the Epping racecourse on the 21st inst. For the five events for which nominations are invited the sum of £200 prize money has been provided, while the Second Sires' Produce Stakes, entries for which have already closed, carries £175, bringing the prize money at the reunion to £375, the best programme that has yet been put forward by the club.

First forfeits for the A.J.C. Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup fall due at 4 p.m. to-day, and the horses remaining in after that hour incur the usual liability for the stake. Owing to the Rosehill autumn meeting taking place to-day, the time for receiving entries for the Easter meeting of the Wollongong Jockey Club has been extended until 4 p.m. to-morrow.

The rainfall on Saturday forenoon was responsible for a very uninteresting morning's work at Randwick, a few gallops being executed on the maspie grass track.

Sacre, who won the Orrong Two-year-old Handicap at Caulfield on Saturday, was bred at the Widden stud by Messrs. W. and J. Thompson, and is by that successful sire Maltster from Trinket, by Lochiel from Locket, by Roodee from hay Dinah, by Cheddar (imp.), and was purchased by the South Australian sportsman Mr. W. M. Hawker for 180gs. as a yearling. This was Sacre's third win for the season, he having bred in this State, and to earn winning brackets at the same meeting were Confederate (by Associate) and Imprint, by Sir Foote (imp.) from Impress, by Wallace from Postprint, by Richmond from Footstep, by Countryman.

The cross-country horse Confederate, who unexpectedly annexed the Gordon Steeplechase at Caulfield on Saturday, is engaged in the big cross-country event at Onkaparinga (S.A.) on Easter Monday, in which he must have a good chance.

With the exception of Safe Deposit and Calstock, who captured the Gunga Purse and Kambalda Welter respectively at Coolgardie on Saturday, all the winners were bred in this State. Sherlock, who won the Hurdle Race, is a son of Projectile; Nardoo, who ran in the Gunga Purse, is by Hotspur, bred son of the defunct Simmer (imp.) and Forestelle, by Sweet William from Myall Queen, by Goldsbrough; Artesian, who added to his recent victories the Summer Cup, was bred by Messrs. Osborne Bros. at the Jugiong stud, and is by Arconaut (imp.); and Al, who appropriated the Farewell Handicap, was bred by T. Payten, and is by Grafton from the Thunderbolt mare Tip-Top Calstock, who was bred at the stud in Tasmania whence he takes his name, is by the Tocal sire Sir Tristram (imp.) from Zaroba, by Reginald (son of Grandmaster) from The Pet, by St. Albans; while Safe Deposit is a Victorian-bred horse by Paddock from Cypriote, by St. George (son of Yattendon).

Molly Mars was on Saturday struck out of the Nursery Handicap in connection with the Rosehill autumn meeting.

The weights for the Hawkesbury Race Club's autumn meeting are to see the light to-day.

Our Wellington correspondent writes that Mr. W. E. Sparke has purchased three high-class trotting mares in Melbourne, at a cost of about £60 guineas.

The True Blue colt Eighteen Carat, who won the Hobart Cup, is engaged in the South Australian St. Leger Stakes, and has reached Adelaide to undergo his final preparation for the classic event of the autumn.

The St. Patrick's Day festivities at Albion Park include the customary race meeting—the 20th—and the programme for the day comprises a hurdle race, four handicap races on the flat, a trot, and a back race, entries for which will be received by the honorary secretary, Mr. Gabriel Timbs, up to 6 p.m. to-day. Arrangements have been made with the railway department for the running on race day, starting from the Central Railway Station at 9.37 a.m., stopping en route at Sydenham and Kogarah, and leaving on the return journey at 6.15 p.m.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Confederate's win at Caulfield yesterday involves him in a 10lb penalty for the Onkaparinga Steeplechase, which brings his weight up to 13st. Another horse to incur a penalty yesterday for the same event was The Sun, and his 7lb penalty will make his weight 12st 7lb. The Sun has also incurred 7lb penalty for the Onkaparinga Hurdle Race, bringing his weight up to 12st 5lb.

Illiad, who won the St. Kilda Cup, will have to put up 10lb penalty in the Onkaparinga Cup, in which his weight will now be 9st 2lb, or 27lb more than he won with yesterday.

Oilwaster, Pretty Peg, Lord Nolan, Wal-lia, The Gaul, Knox, Kerlie, and St. Tano, all engaged at the A.J.C. autumn meeting, were sent to Sydney yesterday. Next week several others, including probably Trafalgar, Main, Nobel, Orline, Tiptoe, Steel, and J. Wilson's, jun., horses, will go over. C. Wheeler does not intend to send over Queen o' Scots or Burston, and neither will Balgowan make the trip.

Mother Goose ran her last race when she won the Railway Handicap at Ballarat on Friday. She will go to the stud.

VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUB.

MARCH MEETING.

ILIAD WINS ST. KILDA CUP.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

The V.A.T.C. held its March meeting at Caulfield to-day. Beautiful weather prevailed, and the attendance was satisfactory.

There were only five runners for the Hurdle Race, but backers were fairly divided among The Sun, Silvery Peru, and Lord Desmond. The Race proved a good thing for The Sun, who made nearly all the running, and won easily from Lord Desmond.

Eight started for the Orrong Two-year-old, and betting chopped about a good deal, but eventually Vira, who had been running consistently, went out favourite, with Sacre, Pendulous, and Rheims also were backed. After making the running from the railway slide, Sacre came away in the straight, and won easily from Pendulous, who finished well after getting off badly.

Fifteen contested the St. Kilda Cup, run over a mile and three furlongs, and at one price or another, were well backed. Carl Dour, however, was always a strong favourite, and at the finish 5 to 2 was accepted about his chance, 8 to 1 being on offer bar one. Carl Dour ran badly, the winner turning up in Iliad, who ran recently a dead-heat for first place with Drumreagh, in the Launceston Cup, and at out nominally at 16 to 1, but as long a price as 20 to 1 was laid against him. He won in hollow fashion, but there was an interesting struggle for second place, Francis beating Moruga by a head.

Nothing but Alcuin would go down with backers for the Steeplechase, but there was a run on Sacre'ne towards the finish. Alcuin is a very wild customer, and he went off at a terrific away pace, running out at several of his fences. Starlet cut Alcuin out six furlongs from home, but dropped out after crossing the last fence, and Confederate, taking charge, won pulling up, by half a dozen lengths from Uncle Trouble. Confederate was not thought to be quite ready, and was allowed to go out at 20 to 1.

Burston, Ring, and Gunpowder were in most demand for the Ubique Welter, for which there were 19 starters. Half a dozen of them looked to have a good chance at the bottom of the straight, when Gunpowder was shut in. Getting out late, Gunpowder rapidly overhauled Ring, and won a good race by three-quarters of a length, Burston finishing third. The winner is a fine big horse, New Zealand-bred, by Hotchkiss, and is half-brother to Mary Seaton.

Sylvan was always favourite for the South Yarra Handicap. She ran well, but met more than her match in Imprint, who took charge at the distance, and won by a couple of lengths, Imprint was very little fancied, odds of 14 to 1 being freely offered against her.

Results:—

NARONG HURDLE RACE.—2m 64yds.

Mr. Tantram's The Sun, by Sunrise—Andromache, 11st 9lb (J. Ryan) 1
Mr. Anderson's Lord Desmond, 10st 12lb (G. Scobie) 2
Mr. A. Wilson's Silvery Peru, 11st 11lb (F. Burn) .. 3

Other starters: Cheval, 9st 2lb, inc. 2lb over (H. Morgan); Appleboy, 9st 7lb, inc. 1lb over (H. Deeble).

Betting: 2 to 1 each v The Sun and Silvery Peru, 6 to 1 v Lord Desmond, 20 to 1 each v the others.

After jumping the first hurdle The Sun took charge from Lord Desmond and Silvery Peru. He was never headed, and won easily by five lengths from Lord Desmond, who was three lengths in front of Silvery Peru. Appleboy was a bad last. Time, 3m 38 4-5s.

ORRONG TWO-YEAR-OLD.—6f.

Mr. Hawker's Sacre, by Maltster—Trinket, 7st 9lb (J. Hopwood) 1
Mr. J. Wilson, jun.'s Pendulous, 7st 7lb (S. Cusdin) 2
Mr. Leonard's Vira, 7st 12lb (G. Lambert) 3

Other starters: Payto, 7st 5lb (H. Treen); Rhelms, 7st 2lb (T. Bone); Rolling Stone, 6st 13lb (F. Grave); Bostra (late Ephesone), 8st 13lb (C. Andrews); Little Slam, 6st 7lb (A. Pegrum).

Betting: 6 to 4 v Sacre, 4 to 1 v Sacre, 4 to 1 v Pendulous, 5 to 1 v Rhelms, 15 to 1 v Rolling Stone.

Little Slam jumped off, followed by Rhelms and Vira. Before reaching the railway slide Sacre ran to the front and won easily by four lengths from Pendulous, who finished last, two lengths separating second and third. Rhelms was fourth, Little Slam fifth, Bostra next, and Payto last. Time, 1m 16⅘s.

ST. KILDA CUP.—1m 3f.

Mr. Creswick's Iliad, by Malvolio—Ilium, 7st 8lb (Andrews) 1
Mr. Gerrard's Francis, 7st 2lb (C. Andrews) 2
Mr. Leonard's Moruga, 7st 12lb (G. Lambert) 3

Other starters: Larrabar, 8st 7lb (J. Thomas); Carl Dour, 7st 11lb (J. Hopwood); Celerity, 7st 9lb (G. Ross); Golden Cairn, 7st 9lb (E. Neal); Edenholme, 7st 9lb (C. Cooper); Gelignite, 7st 7lb (F. Cracknell); Matouree, 7st 5lb (J. Acculai); Trajectory, 6st 9lb (S. Cusdin); Winterica, 6st 9lb; Trelo Vloni, 7st 11lb (Flynn); Married, 7st 11lb, inc. 2lb over (C. Bolton); Perilous, 6st 9lb, inc. 2lb over (F. Harmer).

Betting: 5 to 2 v Carl Dour, 8 to 1 each v Winterica, Larrabar, and Trelo Vloni, 10 to 1 each v Francis and Moruga, 12 to 1 each v Trajectory, Matouree, and Married, 16 to 1 each v Golden Cairn, Perilous, and Iliad.

Golden Cairn made all the pace, and led along the back from Gelignite, Moruga, and Perilous, with Iliad last. Trelo Vloni passed Golden Cairn at the railway slide, and the pair had Edenholme, Iliad, and Larrabar as their nearest attendants. Iliad ran up second to Trelo Vloni at the home turn, while Francis was well up on the outside. Iliad was first into the straight, pursued by Francis, Edenholme, Matouree, and Moruga. Iliad was not afterwards troubled, winning by three lengths from Francis, a head separating second and third. Matouree was fourth, Carl Dour fifth, Perilous sixth, and Celerity last. Time, 2m 24s.

GORDON STEEPLECHASE.—About 3m.

Mr. Wright's Confederate, by Associate—The Cripple, 12st 9lb (A. Martin) 1
Mr. Creswick's No Trouble, 12st 11lb (H. Deeble) .. 2
Mr. Ford's Easy Jack, 9st 7lb (T. Williamson) 3

Other starters: Kuala Lumpur, 12st 8lb (G. Woodburn); Starlet, 9st 12lb (H. Morgan); Alcuin, 9st 13lb (J. Ryan); Sea Vive, 9st 7lb (R. Knapp); Lady Justice, 9st 5lb (S. Howlie); Starlet, 9st (F. Cosgrove).

Betting: 7 to 4 v Alcuin, 3 to 1 v Saverne, 8 to 1 each v Starlet and Starlet, 10 to 1 each v Confederate, and Easy Jack, 20 to 1 each v Confederate, Kuala Lumpur, and Lady Justice.

Alcuin acted as pacemaker for the first mile and a half, Starlet then went on, and led over the last wall two lengths clear of Alcuin, with Confederate, Easy Jack, and No Trouble next. Confederate came away after reaching the horse turn, and entered an easy win by six lengths from No Trouble, who was three lengths in front of Easy Jack. Kuala Lumpur was fourth, Saverne and Starlet next, and Lady Justice last. Time, 5m 39s.

TRIQUE WELTER—7f.

Mr. O'Keefe's Gunpowder, by Hotchkiss—St. Elyn, 2st 9lb (J. Arcolai) 1
Mr. Rose's Ring, 8st 2lb (G. Rose) 2
Mr. Mackinnon's Burston, 9st 4lb (F. Bolton) 3

Other starters: Corroboree, 7st 13lb (E. Mackey), Kennedy, 9st 4lb, allowed 5lb (W. Graham); Late Hours, 8st 13lb (R. Cousins); Ruby Tin, 8st 9lb (J. Thomas); Rosevine, 8st 7lb (A. Pegrum); Silvertail, 8st 5lb (C. Cooper), including 7lb penalty (W. F. Burn); Bonus, 8st 11lb (W. Foulsham); Kennedy, 7st 7lb, allowed 5lb (R. Bartley); Darkhalo, 7st 11lb (W. Redfern); Ambrose, 7st 7lb (J. Duncan); Ardita, 7st 5lb (R. Poole); Boyong, 7st 5lb (D. Campbell); Galeria, 7st 5lb (S. Grace); Miss Query, 7st 5lb (J. Heffernan); Fire Eater, 7st 7lb (H. Gabbett).

Betting: 7 to 2 each v Burston and Ring, 9 to 2 v Gunpowder, 8 to 1 each v Corroboree and Late Hours, 12 to 1 v Galeria, 14 to 1 each v Ambrose and Rosevine, 20 to 1 each v Ruby Tin and Kennedy.

As soon as the field settled down Ruby Tin took up the running, and led into the straight from Corroboree, Ring, and Rosevine. Ring was in the van at the distance, with Corroboree, Burston, and Rosevine close up, while Gunpowder was coming fast. Gunpowder got his head in front after reaching the half-distance, and beat Ring by three-quarters of a length, Burston was a length and a half away third, Rosevine fourth, Corroboree fifth, Galeria sixth, and Darley Dale last. Time, 1m 29⅘s.

SOUTH YARRA HANDICAP—6f.

Mr. M'Cracken's Imprint, by Sir Foote—Impress, 8st 9lb, including 2lb over (C. Andrews) 1
Mr. Goldsbrough's Sylvan, 9st 12lb (E. Neal) 2
Mr. Creswick's Lady Kelvin, 7st 5lb (S. Andrews) .. 3

Other starters: Slipper, 9st 13lb (J. Thomas); Fillo Fogo, 9st 11lb (J. Arcolai); Nguruhoe, 8st 9lb (F. Bolton); Ellerslie, 8st 9lb (H. Morgan); Lisarius, 8st 9lb (J. Harris); Sentimous, 8st 9lb (G. Lambert); Noonday, 8st 9lb (C. Bolton); Simmerette, 7st 11lb (W. Ross); Bomb, 8st 7lb (S. Cusdin).

Betting: 5 to 2 v Sylvia, 3 to 1 v Nguruhoe, 6 to 1 v Sentimous, 8 to 1 each v Lisarius, 8 to 1 v Mary, 12 to 1 each v Imprint, Lady Kelvin, and Noonday.

When the barrier rose Noonday jumped off in front, and, making all the running, led into the straight from Imprint, Sylvia, and Lady Kelvin. Imprint ran to the front at the distance, and won by two lengths from the favourite, Lady Kelvin was only a neck away third; Bomb was fourth, Mary fifth, Simmerette sixth, and Lisarite last. Time, 1m 15s.

ROSEHILL RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather on Saturday the second day's racing in connection with the autumn fixture of the Rosehill Racing Club was postponed until to-day, when the interesting programme will be played out, and a large number of horses with important A.J.C. engagements will take part in the contests. The transit arrangements include special trams starting from the Central Railway Station at 11.50 a.m. (horses and attendants), 2.50, and 1 p.m. (mixed), 1.8 (first), 1.20, and 1.45 p.m. mixed. The 1, 2.1, and 1.43 p.m. stop en route at Strathfield to pick up passengers.

The first race, the Clyde Stakes, is timed to start at 2.20 p.m., and the most likely to play prominent parts towards the finish are Rose Allie, Beau Vive, Snowfoot, and Aiple Pie, while Rose Allie, Beau Vive, and Aiple Pie, will pose the judge in order.

A good contest is foreshadowed for the Nursery Handicap among Styria, Kummulla, Ptah, Greenbank, and Blackpool, and the numbers may be sent up for Kummulla, Ptah, and Greenbank.

The most interesting battle is promised in the Rawson Stakes between the New Zealand representative, Bolerikoff, and Malt King, and the latter, who has recent winning form on his side, may prove victorious.

The Granville Stakes indicates a good race among Boro, Laval, Miss Corelli, and Parrol, and the judge may declare for Miss Corelli, Laval, and Parrol.

Sweep considerations will probably ensure a large field for the Rosehill Cup, and the race wears a very open appearance, but the chances of Marlee, Rose Allie, Danilo, Chamade, and Golden City seem the most attractive, and the situations may be occupied by Golden City, Chamade, and Danilo.

With the Carlingford Mile the reunion will be brought to a close, and at the weights the battle may be fought out among Little Lad, Miss Bobbin, Zenda, Vaivile, and Semele, and Zenda, Little Lad, and Miss Bobbin may subdivide the honours. The programme is subjoined:—

CLYDE STAKES, 7f.—Irishman, 9st 6lb; Boredine, 9st 4lb; Rose Allie, 8st 8lb; Lord Beauchamp, 8st 4lb; Duke of Clarence, 8st 4lb; Dulcie Bean Vive, 8st 4lb; Prince of Lack, 8st 4lb; Black Boy, 8st 2lb; Snowfoot, 8st; Trial Boy, 8st; Sir Foote, 8st 2lb; Vincount, 7st 13lb; Aiple Pie, 7st 9lb; Portmarie, 7st 9lb; Aiple Pie, 7st 9lb; Diabolo, 7st 5lb; Lady Warpath and Jupe Simpleton, 7st 3lb; Gonzi Lassie, 7st 2lb; Mirrie, 8st 12lb; Primrose League, 6st 12lb; Bridesman, 6st 7lb.

NURSERY Handicap, 5½f.—Lager, 9st 12lb; Sylvander, 9st 12lb; Styria, 9st 8lb; Prince Lack, 8st 8lb; Black Boy, 8st 2lb; Kummulla, 8st; Ptah, 8st; Dick Richards, 8st 6lb; Greenbank, 8st; Jack Kearns, 7st 9lb; Polo, 7st 4lb; Energetic, 7st; Lady Dudley, 7st; Blue Band, 6st 12lb; Cadenia, 6st 12lb; Peace, 6st 12lb; Prize Song, 6st 12lb; Maranui, 6st 12lb; Eugenie A., 6st 12lb; Wiremika, 6st 10lb; Miss Grace, 6st 10lb; Sweet Adeline, 6st 10lb; Waking, 6st 10lb; Lochee, 6st 10lb; O'Sullivan, 6st 10lb; Lady Peggy, 6st 10lb; Lady Gunyah, 6st 7lb; Our Grace, 6st 7lb.

RAWSON STAKES, w.f.a., 1m 1f.—Metcograph, 9st 2lb; Blue Book, 9st 2lb; Flaxen, 9st; Enchanteur, 8st 13lb; Bolerikoff, 8st 13lb; Hoax, 8st 11lb; Irishman 8st 11lb; Malt King, 8st 4lb; Danilo, 8st 4lb; San Pedro, 8st 4lb; Malmaison, 8st.

ROSEHILL CUP, 1½m.—Malt King, 9st 12lb; Barallah, 8st 10lb; Flaxinia, 8st 7lb; Irishman, 9st 7lb; Blue Book, 9st 5lb; Flaxen, 9st 5lb; Hoax, 9st 5lb; Enchanteur, 9st 2lb; Metcograph, 9st; Plumber, 8st 8lb; Proportion, 8st 6lb; War Star, 8st 6lb; Rose Allie, 8st 6lb; Marlee, 8st 6lb; Lady Wilde, 8st 6lb; Varasor, 8st 5lb; Little Lad, 8st 5lb; King Bee, 8st; Kurtegal, 8st; Beau Vive, 8st; Dalrymple, 8st; Britain, 7st 12lb; Didus, 7st 12lb; Danilo, 7st 12lb; Gaby, 7st 10lb; Duke of Clarence, 7st 7lb; Achilliun, 7st 7lb; Footpad, 7st 7lb; Wee Laddie, 7st 7lb; Alpine, 7st 5lb; Mirrie, 7st 5lb; Arrangeur, 7st 5lb; Ore Pan, 7st 5lb; Scirbo, 6st 12lb; Maranui, 6st 12lb; Golden City, 6st 7lb; Black Range, 6st 7lb; Mirabis, 6st 7lb; San Pedro, 6st 7lb; Cheerful, 6st 7lb; Quicksilver, 6st 7lb; Malmaison, 6st 7lb; Morgo, 6st 7lb; Billycan, 6st 7lb; Palm Olive, 6st 7lb.

GRANVILLE STAKES, 6f.—Currawinya, 9st 5lb; Marvel Queen, 9st 3lb; Doro, 8st 13lb; Ribstone Pippin, 8st 10lb; Lady Isabel, 8st 5lb; Watch Chain, 7st 12lb; No Trumps, 7st 7lb; Kurnell, 7st 7lb; Laval, 7st 2lb; Barrel, 7st 2lb; Lunos, 7st 2lb; Miss Corelli, 7st 2lb; Schooner, 7st; Jaguar, 7st; Charmeuse, 7st; Elegy, 7st; Runella, 7st; Eocene, 7st; Maltster Maid, 7st; Simola, 7st; Equiris, 7st.

Carlingford Mile, Proportion, 9st 7lb; War Star, 9st 7lb; Marlee, 9st 7lb; Little Lad, 8st 5lb; Lord Beauchamp, 8st 12lb; Chamade, 8st 8lb; Call Boy, 8st 8lb; Newport, 8st 8lb; War Bee, 8st 4lb; Erin, 8st; Governor Mantle, 8st; Miss Bobbin, 8st; Zenda, 8st; Eria, 7st 10lb; Versailles, 7st 10lb; Empirical, 7st 5lb; Metal King, 7st 5lb; Orea, 7st 5lb; Moon Moth, 7st 5lb; Semele, 7st 5lb; Sullivan, 7st; Schooner, 7st; Well Done, 7st; Pinfall, 7st; L.G.M., 7st; Saucy Win, 7st; Xerxes, 7st.

GAWLER JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

CARLTON WINS MODERN ATHENS HANDICAP.

GAWLER, Saturday.

Splendid weather favoured the Gawler Club for its autumn meeting at Evanston to-day, and there was a good attendance.

Results:—

Hurdles, 2m.—W. T. Marflock's Yudnapinna, by Pygmalion—Diva, 10st (Ryan), 1; L. A. Killmier's Sandfly, 11st 7lb (Hackett), 2; Sherwin and Edelston, 10st ..... (Hackett), 3. Other starters: Wards Delight Mist, 10st 8lb (Carter), 4. Other starters: Spoonful, 9st 10lb; Decoy, 9st 5lb; St. Andrew, 9st 5lb; Warrior, 9st 3lb; Cameron, 9st; Lady Theophan, 8st 5lb; Eastern Belle, 8st; Bonnie Doon, 8st; Match Girl, 8st; Orb Ayr lack, 8st; Jessie, 8st 7lb; Little Fellow, 8st 5lb; Bryn Bella, 8st 5lb; Remembrance, 8st 4lb; Ebenezer, 7st 10lb; Hippona, 8st 7lb; Lady Theophan, 8st 12lb; The Lady Flora, 7st 12lb; Gamebird, 7st 12lb; Miss Bayne, 7st 10lb; Lady Arthur, 8st 4lb; Mirrie, 8st; Rungle, 8st; Maid of All Work, 8st.

Fourteen-three Maiden Handicap, 4f.—Lady Flavia, 9st 3lb; Bargain, 9st; Lady Arthur, 8st 5lb; Ota, 8st 5lb; Douglass, 8st 5lb; Kerlie, 8st 5lb; Darcy G., 8st 5lb; Khamsum, 8st 3lb; Olive Rose, 8st 3lb; Tiptoe Lord, 8st 3lb; Lady Olivebranch, 8st 3lb; School mistress, 8st; Solerine, 7st 13lb; Lavender Bay, 7st 12lb; The Lady Flora, 7st 12lb; Gamebird, 7st 12lb; Gilmore, 7st 12lb; J. Stone, 7st 10lb; Miss Bayne, 7st 10lb; Lady Arthur, 7st 10lb; Mirrie, 7st 10lb; Crystal Prince, 7st 9lb; Two Step, 7st 9lb; Gipsy Jack, 7st 9lb; Allen, 7st 9lb; Spriglass, 7st 7lb; Silver Bell, 7st 7lb; Donita, 7st 7lb; Greda, 7st 7lb; Lord Longman, 7st 7lb; Alice, 7st 7lb; Lady Flavia, 7st 7lb.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4f.—Egypt, 12st 5lb; Bile Beans, 11st 9lb; Reticle, 10st 13lb; Merrie Oliver, 9st 9lb; Lady Emmett, 8st 12lb; Lady Peggy, 8st 12lb; Orb Ayr lack, 8st; Jessie, 8st 7lb; Little Fellow, 8st 5lb; Bryn net, 8st 4lb; Ruby, 8st 2lb; Remembrance, 8st 1lb; Ebenezer, 7st 13lb; Hippona, 8st 7lb; Lady Theophan, 8st 12lb; The Lady Flora, 7st 12lb; Remand, 7st 12lb; Rose E., 7st 7lb; Sea Pea, 7st 7lb.

Approved Welter Handicap, 4f.—Matinee, 9st 9lb; Gladys D., 9st; Schooner, 9st; Comet, 9st 7lb; Toronto, 8st 7lb; The Mare, 8st 7lb; Goldfink, 8st 4lb; Dermire, 8st 3lb; Williamson, 8st 3lb; Molla, 8st 4lb; Wall Queen, 8st; Royal Gilt, 8st; Impromptu, 8st; Miss A.S., 8st; Alfred, 8st; Norna, 8st; Leda, 8st; Jessie, 8st.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4f.—Beaufleet, 10st 2lb; Tweedledee, 9st 12lb; Sandy, 9st; Fire Bell, 9st 3lb; Little Leonhamp, 8st 3lb; Miss Satan, 8st 3lb; Game Lad, 8st; Haut Lad, 8st 11lb; Maestic Doon, 7st 9lb; Little Lad, 7st 7lb; Gonzi Lassie, 7st 7lb.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 4f.—Egypt, 11st 10lb; Odd Sock, 9st 7lb; Edna, 8st 11lb; Enor, 8st 10lb; Merrie Oliver, 8st 10lb; Klondyke, 8st 9lb; Ebenezer, 8st 5lb; Miss Bobbin, 8st 5lb; Mallrona, 7st 13lb; Jessie, 7st 13lb; Cassilyn, 7st 10lb; Sidney, 7st 9lb; Alisa, 7st 9lb; Strike (late The Stag), 7st 7lb; Maraverte, 7st 7lb; Wild Lassie, 7st 7lb; Weona, 7st 7lb; May Morn, 7st 7lb; Repeat, 7st 7lb.

Second Handicap, 7f.—Regia, 12st; Heligoland, 9st; Good Shot, 8st 5lb; Ragimild, 8st 2lb; Ruby Tin, 8st; Bonnie Doon Jack, 8st; Blue Metal, 8st; Lord Warlock, 7st 9lb; Merlbrook, 7st 8lb; Opinion, 7st 7lb; Love, 7st 6lb; Pale Blue, 7st 5lb; Washpool, 7st; Waterers, 7st; Fiji, 7st; Merve, 7st; Bangle, 7st; High Boy, 7st; Argument, 7st.

LAKE CUDGELLICO RACES.

CONDOBOLIN, Saturday.

The following are the entries for the Lake Cudgellico races on 17th instant:

Flying Handicap.—Nallings, Temptation, Eau de Vie, Doctor Grace, Brian Boru, Oscar, Staple, Ballast, Crest, Berwick, Fair Nell.

Cudgellico Cup.—Was Wee, Temptation, Eau de Vie, Brian Boru, Oscar, Staple, Pardon, Ballast, Crest, Corona, Clarrie, Fair Nell.

Welter Handicap.—Temptation, Eau de Vie, Orient, Oscar, Pavion, Berwick, Crest, Clarrie, Nalings.

BENA RACES.

CONDOBOLIN, Saturday.

The following are the entries for the Bena races, which take place on Easter Monday:

Opening Handicap.—Temptation, Wilga Grove, Crest, Queen, Pat, Corona, The Guide, Iolanthinon, Staple, Cornfield, Ballast, Lady May.

Ladies' Bracelet.—Girlie, Crest, Corona, Berwick, Little Bill, Iolanthinon, Caroon, Lady Ballinsite, Killarney, Lady May.

Bena Handicap.—Temptation, Was Wee, Crest, Corona, Pat, Corona, The Guide, Caroon, Killarney, Lady Pardon, Iolanthinon, Staple, Cornfield, Ballast, Lady May.

Stewards' Handicap.—Girlie, Wilga Grove, Crest, Corona, Constance, The Guide, Caroon, Killarney, Lady May.

GOLF.

BONNIE DOON G.C.

Considering the rain that fell on Saturday afternoon it spells a great deal for the keenness of something like 50 out of 94 entrants who turned out at the Bonnie Doon links to take part in the open bogey competition. Despite the excessively bad weather the greens were in excellent order. Results:—

J. Clarke (4), 2 up.
H. A. Richardson (11), 1 up.
Captain Elder (13), 1 up.
D. G. Soutar (+2), square.
F. Popplewell (+2), square.
A. East (6), 1 down.
C. Cameron (5), 2 down.
F. W. Barker (11), 2 down.
C. L. Mackenzie (8), 3 down.
F. S. Shenstone (7), 3 down.
A. Wyllie (14), 4 down.
W. Eyre (11), 5 down.
F. O'Brien (+1), 6 down.
A. Wyllie, jun. (5), 6 down.
P. R. Russell (6), 6 down.
D. A. M'Millan (14), 6 down.
Carnegie Clark (+2), 7 down.
J. Dougall (+2), 7 down.
A. H. Uther (8), 7 down.
D. G. Soutar and F. Popplewell divided the special prize for the best scratch bogey score.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

TO-NIGHT'S COMBINED CARNIVAL.

The Redfern and South Sydney clubs will hold a combined cycling and athletic carnival at the Sports Ground this evening. The sports were postponed last Wednesday on account of the inclemency of the weather. The sports will start at 7.30.

ROAD RACES POSTPONED.

Owing to the bad weather on Saturday all road races over the local courses were postponed. Most of the events will be held on Saturday next.

MOTOR BOAT CLUB.

The Motor Boat Club had a race down for decision on the harbour on Saturday. It had to be abandoned, however, owing to the heavy and persistent down pour of rain. The event will take place on April 16.

Entries for the ocean race from Sydney to Newcastle and back will close to-morrow night.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY UNION RACING.

There is no racing in Sydney for Cyclists' Union riders on St. Patrick's Day, but there will be three events at West Maitland open to all union members. They are being run same as last year, under the direction of the Maitland Club, and are half-mile, three-quarter mile, and one mile distances. The total prizes consist of open orders to the value of £3.

UNION RACING AT EASTER.

There will be three events open to all union members at the combined race meeting of the Maitland and Newcastle clubs on Easter Monday at Morpeth Park. Full particulars will be announced in a day or two as to the prizes, etc., and entries for these events will close at the Sports Club next Saturday night.

The Morpeth Park has a really good cycle track, and the Sydney men who raced there last year were well pleased with it. The local clubs are arranging a special excursion for the Sydney visitors for the day before the racing, and there is to be a social at Morpeth on the night of the meeting. A good number of Sydney members have already stated their intentions of going up for this fixture, and it is expected that there will be a muster quite equal to the usual good representation which is seen annually at the Goulburn gathering on Anniversary Day.

It is likely that two or three of the Sydney race officials and others will take the opportunity of riding through from Sydney to Morpeth by road, leaving on Friday morning, and reaching Morpeth on the Saturday night.

PEERLESS BICYCLE CLUB.

The above club held its monthly meeting on Monday, Mr. W. F. Grantham, the president, was in the chair. Four new members were admitted—W. Cox, Cricklon, F. Harris, W. Erskine, and R. Doodson. It was decided to hold a ten-mile race on the Homebush course on April 2, for club members only. The prizes are as follows:—£3 3s first, £1 10s second, 10s 6d third; also fastest unplaced, 10s 6d; entry fee 1s. Entries close a week before race.

The club's run for to-morrow is to Vice-president Hannaford Hotel, Campbelltown.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY UNION.

WESTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Western Suburbs District F.C. was held at Burwood on Friday night, Mr. A. W. Green presiding.

The tenth annual report showed that the first grade fifteen had won five, lost six, and drawn two of the first-grade competition matches. The committee hoped that a better season would be experienced this year. The second-grade team won six and lost eight competition matches. Ward Prentice and J. S. Phillips represented the State against Queensland.

Strong condemnation of the union was included in the report. The committee held that the grasping policy of the union did not allow the good of the game. The earning and accumulation of funds would have only one end, and that would be the death knell of the district scheme of amateur Rugby football. Members who failed to attend to training at the club quarters were also overhauled, and advised to be more earnest in their preparation for matches. The report was adopted after debate.

The following officers were elected:—Patron, Mr. J. Gregg; president, Mr. A. W. Green; vice-presidents, Messrs. Tebbs, Mackay, Cotton, Sinks, Ireland, Robson, M.L.A., Henley, M.L.A., Correy, Wickham, and Barnett, and Drs. Gates, Waugh, Brown, and Kearney; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Brown; hon. secretary, Mr. Gilchrist; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. H. C. Reid; second-grade hon. secretary, Mr. Edginton; committee, Messrs. Dull, Tomlinson, Bull, Pages, Ward Prentice, Dabbing, Hall, Bowden, Jenner, Hayes, Hamilton, Bennett, King, Foesyth, and Montgomery; selection committee (first-grade), Messrs. Foesyth, Carr, and Brown; second-grade, Messrs. Jenner, Montgomery, and Foesyth; representative to M.R.U., Mr. A. Brown; delegates, Messrs. Carr and Pages.

This club has been unfortunate in losing St. Luke's Park for the coming season. Mr. Green said that the fault for the loss lay with the Metropolitan Rugby Union. The Rugby League had secured this splendid area.

Mr. R. I. Swannell, secretary of the M.R.U., said that it was the club's own fault. Its members knew the amount that had been offered to the Concord Council for the use of the ground, and the union should have been informed, so that it could offer a higher.

Mr. Ireland, hon. secretary of the club, in reply, said that the club did not know what sum was tendered. It had been left, however, to the last, and it was too late for the union to do anything.

ST. GEORGE FIRST GRADE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. J. H. Clayton presided over a large gathering at Rockdale Town Hall on Friday evening on the occasion of the fourth annual meeting of the club. In the absence of the report of the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Logan) referred to the excellence of the combined play of the team, who had scored 138 points against 126, as compared with 98-83 of the previous season. Six matches were won, eight lost, totalling 12 competition points. Congratulations were extended to Glebe and Sydney clubs, premiers in A and B grades. The second St. George II. team were not so successful as in the previous season. Regret was expressed that the competition was abandoned by the Rockdale Rugby League in the coming season. In conjunction with the St. George Sailing and Motor Boat Club the Illawarra boxing championships were brought to a successful issue. The junction attained 21 points, being second of clubs competing in the various grades. The balance-sheet of the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Docking) showed a credit of £6 5s 9d.

In the election of officers for the ensuing season, the report was unanimously adopted, and officers for the ensuing season were elected as follows:—Patrons, Mr. W. T. Johnson, M.P., Mr. Joseph Carruthers, Messrs. W. Taylor and Varney Parkes, M.L.A.; president, Mr. J. H. Clayton; vice-presidents, the Mayors, aldermen, and town clerks of the St. George district; secretary, Mr. A. Davis, jun.; committee, Messrs. G. Gowen, A. Goode, W. G. Judd, G. Thomas, A. Kinross, D. English, W. Callaghan, A. Goddard, G. Campbell, C. J. Byrne, Ross Saywell, C. Morgan, J. Tanner, F. W. Kane, J. Rives, G. Saywell, D. J. Lamrock, Dr. J. J. O'Keefe, Messrs. Mackay, Anderson, and Blacklow; J. Scott, O. Lofberg, E. Esdaile; hon. secretary, Mr. H. A. Judd; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Thompson; asst. hon. secretaries, Mr. E. C. Weller (first grade); Mr. H. Pocock (second grade); A. Rose (third grade); representative on Metropolitan Rugby Union, Mr. H. A. Judd; delegates to union, Messrs. G. Thompson and D. Carroll; auditors, Messrs. Bruce, R. Connors, D. R. Carroll, M. Donnellan, W. Jones, R. Thompson, D. Grundy, F. Mitchell, J. Hindmarsh; hon. physiotherapist, Mr. Gilchrist; selectors, Messrs. Bruce, Connors, Carroll, Donnellan, W. Jones, R. Thompson, Grundy, F. Mitchell, J. Hindmarsh; hon. physiotherapist, Mr. Gilchrist; selectors, Messrs. Bruce, Connors, Carroll, Donnellan, W. Jones, R. Thompson, Grundy, F. Mitchell, J. Hindmarsh; hon. physiotherapist, Mr. Gilchrist; selectors, Messrs. Bruce, Connors, Carroll, Donnellan, W. Jones, R. Thompson, Grundy, F. Mitchell, J. Hindm

THE INDIAN SITUATION.

"NO REAL UNREST."

A REMARKABLE EXPLANATION.

ANGLO-INDIAN AUTHORITY SPEAKS.

A very remarkable denial of the rumours that trouble is pending in India was given on Saturday by an authority peculiarly qualified to speak on the subject. This is Colonel Pollen, lately of the India Civil Service, who left Sydney on Saturday for New Zealand, and who by reason of his present position as secretary of the East India Association has been brought probably as intimately into touch with the native masters at school there, and would be taught classics and mathematics—would get a good education. I think he went to Bombay University next. There he would have come under some English professors and some native ones.

"From there he went to Balliol College, Oxford. He used to do some coaching there in his leisure hours—coaching men who were going into the India Civil Service in the Indian languages. He was so good a scholar of Sanscrit that Professor Monier Williams wanted him to succeed himself when he retired from the Chair of Sanscrit at Oxford. He was generally known as the 'Pundit' there, and was always up to then looked upon as a loyal son.

"Well, the Oxford authorities gave the appointment to an Englishman. That was Krishnavarma's first grievance. It was a private grievance. He went back to India and became Prime Minister of certain native states. He was rather sudden in expending some of the money he had got in London with money saved. In London he started as an agitator. He found that the role of agitator paid well. The money comes to these agitators from India—from rich discontented natives with some grievance against the Government. Then he set up India House at Highgate in London. He represented to the young Indian students in London and Oxford and elsewhere that we Britain were draining India to death, draining it of its lifeblood for our own gain. He told the boys that it was an abominable thing to have the English rule over India.

"YOU CAN'T BLAME THE BOYS."

"Well, Krishnavarma, when the English Government began to take steps to inquire into his proceedings, fled to Paris. There he set up and issued Prospectus of his paper, 'The Indian Sociologist,' which was taken in by the students in England, and which preached the same doctrines. The majority of these students are fine young fellows, and true, loyal lads—I know them well. But they are suffering from what they look upon as a social grievance—that the English profess to receive them as terms of equality, and really do not do so. There is a real difficulty in this, a difficulty for which it looks sometimes almost hopeless to find a solution.

"Added to this, a number of the boys come over with insufficient means to get on with. They get hopelessly stranded. I have come upon them again and again, and have given them what help I could. Some of these stranded lads fall deeper and deeper; and it is out of these that there arises that class of brooding boys which is worked upon to become agitators. They are not really to blame—they are really maniacs. They are infected with a type of treasonable anarchistic intrigue of the European sort—a delicate plotting and scheming of assassinations which is utterly opposed to the native ethics, and abominable alike to them and to us.

THE GRIEVANCE OF GHOSE.

"The case of Arabinda Ghose, another agitator you have heard of, is precisely similar. He went to the University in England, and some years ago passed the examination for the India Civil Service, and was one of the selected candidates. After the written examination, it is necessary to pass a test in riding; and it has been commonly reported that the examiners had reasons for not wishing to let Arabinda Ghose through, and chose the riding test as a convenient chance of plucking him. I happen to know what the real facts were. Arabinda Ghose, for some reason, objected to the necessity of the riding test. He had some peculiar opinions, and he maintained that it ought not to be necessary for a man to pass an examination in riding. He refused to go up for it. The examiner explained to him that it would not be necessary to ride skilfully—he need only stick on for a turn or so—but he entirely refused. He thought the rule should be modified in his favour.

"He failed, for that reason, to get into the India Civil Service; and from that time he, too, had a grievance. He served the Gaikwar of Baroda for a time, and thence came to Calcutta, where he got into trouble, but was acquitted.

"These people are the agitators. They are all men with an English education. Their methods are anarchistic and opposed to Indian ideas. They have violent views and rather huge, and they have command of the native press. Most natives do not read these newspapers. But what does happen is that a copy goes to the village, and will be read out to the bystanders by a man sitting in some corner. In that way they get to a great number of people.

"Another means they have of stirring up disaffection, which the Government has taken no steps to control, is the native drama. They often use it in that way.

"But in spite of this the agitation and disaffection do not go deep. It is most difficult to know whether we do right to give them a European education. But I myself believe it is on the right course to throw all examinations open to them. I often say that the Brahmins of Bombay and the babus of Bengal are our most loyal people there, because they know very well what would happen if by any chance we withdrew even for a time. The rest of the people—I don't know that they appreciate the fact that we have turned deserts into gardens, and so on. They do not like us—they do not like any rulers. But they certainly harbour no deep feelings or concerted designs against us for the grievances the agitators speak of.

A HIGH FAITH.

Colonel Pollen, after touching on the difficulty of the solution of the social question, finished by stating his grounds of simple faith that trouble was not coming in India in very remarkable terms. He simplifies out the whole question under one clear rule—that so long as the place is fairly and honestly ruled things cannot go far wrong.

"I believe this agitation will die down and disappear," he said. "I believe it on the simple ground that there is no real grievance behind it. There is no drain upon India. There is no blood-letting of India. For the last 80 years the government has been conducted only for the good of the people of India. My motto in dealing with the natives would be always 'Be just and fear nought,' and be as conciliatory as you possibly can. The native resents condescension as much as haughty exclusiveness. I have always treated the native of India as a gentleman, and he is a gentleman. And you do that you are not very far wrong."

CENTENNIAL PARK PONDS.

THEIR DRYING UP.

MR. T. W. KEELE'S THEORY.

Mr. T. W. Keele, of the Harbour Trust, referred on Saturday to the drying up of the ponds in Centennial Park. He said that on several occasions lately articles and letters had appeared in the press drawing attention to the drying up of Centennial Park ponds, and various reasons had been advanced to account for it, the general impression being that the sewer which some years ago was constructed across the Centennial Park and Randwick was responsible for the loss of water, which is supposed to be following the line of excavation and tunnel to the outfall at Coogee. "It is quite possible," Mr. Keele continued, "that some water may be drawn off in this manner, but seeing that, in addition to the comparatively small area drained by the Lachlan Swamp, the whole catchment area above the old Botany pumping station, which sydney relied upon for the supply of water previously to the inauguration of the Prospect scheme, is similarly affected, and is slowly drying up, I think the true explanation of the phenomenon is a meteorological one, and unless a very considerable expenditure is incurred in puddling the bottom and sides of these ponds, in order to retain the surface water draining into them during storms, we must patiently wait for the change from dry to wet seasons, which may reasonably be looked for; but after so long a period of drought is still deferred in all the coastal region, and particularly in the county of Cumberland. A few figures will show the duration and intensity of the drought, which, notwithstanding all the rains which have been falling at intervals in other parts of the State, still prevails around the metropolis.

After a run of wet years from 1889 to 1893, all of which were well above the mean, the average annual rainfall over the period being 62.61 inches, the drought commenced in 1894, and up to the end of 1909, only of the 16 years only two (1899 and 1900) were above the mean, which for 77 years is 48.11 inches. The average annual rainfall over the whole period of 16 years was 41.54 inches, and for the last nine years it has only been 38.23 inches. The accumulated loss of rain below the mean for 16 years has thus been 105.12 inches, equal to 2 1-5 years mean rainfall.

If we take the last nine years, the accumulated loss of rain below the mean is 88.2 inches, equal to 1.8 year's mean rainfall. The intensity of the latter portion of the drought is clearly shown by the figures during the last five years, when the annual average rainfall fell to only 35.27 inches, making an accumulated loss of rain below the mean in that period of 64.20 inches, equal to 1.3 year's mean rainfall.

The result of this continued loss of rain, extending over so long a period as 16 years (the effect of the two years' good rainfall in 1899-1900 being hardly appreciable) culminating in the last five years, during which the average annual rainfall was 12.84 inches below the mean, is shown by the discharge of the stream at Botany to about 9 millions of gallons per week, or little more than 1½ million gallons per day, from a drainage area of about seven square miles, which in good years above the average would be relied upon to give five or six times that quantity.

The Botany catchment area, as is well known, is a huge sand bed of great depth, which during wet seasons becomes charged with water, and the hydraulic gradient of the water being much above the ground surface. It continues to discharge a fair stream long after a drought has commenced; but the gradient getting flatter through the line of saturation going lower as the drought proceeds, the stream continues to diminish, until the head is insufficient to force the water through the sand, and the stream dries up.

The saturated zone in the sand about the Centennial Park must now be very low, and fully accounts for the dry state of the ornamental ponds which occupy the site of the old Lachlan swamp. In my opinion we are now passing through a dry period somewhat similar to that experienced 57 years ago.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

CONCLUDING SESSION.

The annual delegate meeting of the Sydney District Ancient Order of Foresters, was brought to a conclusion on Saturday evening, there being a very full attendance of delegates, presided over by Bro. William H. Watts, District Chief Ranger.

The principal business was that the amended district laws, which with a few minor alterations were adopted. With respect to the clause calling upon secretaries of the various courts to furnish them a copy of the Registrar of Friendly Societies, a somewhat lengthy discussion ensued, great exception being taken to it, as it was held that the Grand Secretary could supply the necessary information. Eventually a resolution was carried to the effect that a protest should be made to the Registrar with a request that the matter be referred to the Grand Secretary, who should, draft a model and suitable return.

During the earlier portion of the conference the report of the representatives to the Friendly Societies' Association was briefly discussed. The chief subject of the report was the establishment of a medical institute for New South Wales, it being resolved to circulate the report amongst the various courts for an expression of opinion as to the desirability of erecting the institute on the lines proposed in the report.

The management levies for the ensuing two quarters was fixed at 5d per member each quarter.

A report of the meeting just concluded was ordered to be printed and circulated.

The investment and installation of officers were then proceeded with, Dr. Gemmell Stuart being invested and installed as District Chief Ranger by the retiring D.C.R., Bro. William H. Watts. Bro. Stuart then installed his officers, and the conference was brought to a conclusion.

ECONOMIC MINING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The article "Big v Small Mines" in your issue of 5th inst, and your sub-leader "Economic Mining" on the 7th, emphasise many points which must be recognised as very sound by mining men, but at the same time you altogether omit one matter of vital concern to the mining industry, viz., the disastrous effects of the application of a faulty theory of capitalisation to mining companies.

The glamour of a speedy road to wealth, the gambling element in human nature, and the spirit of adventure which led the sturdy diggers and prospectors from rush to rush in the good old days, still lives in the hearts of many successful commercial men who, when they touch mining—either as an investment or speculation—are too often prone to cast aside the calm reasoning and sober judgment of their everyday business life, forgetting that the onward march of time has altered the complexion of things, and failing to see that instead of improving on what, in the case of our pioneers, was most commendable energy, deserving greater reward than present day Old-age Pensions, they are in reality only playing at mining.

There may always remain fresh fields for the prospector to conquer, and on the working fields of to-day and the abandoned areas he will continue ever in the hope of striking something to attract capital for development, and dream of his wealth to come, either from the "show," or his fully paid up shares in the company to be formed later on. Prospecting is a legitimate avenue for capital, provided the work is judiciously arranged and carried out, and when a property warranting development is found a most critical stage in its history is reached. The possibilities of such a property from an investment standpoint, as what size and character of mine it promises to be, amount of capital which will be required to float it on a proper commercial basis, its prospects of returning 10 per cent. per annum in dividends for, say, ten years, or giving a return of the capital involved with interest added, in any period, can only be arranged with a reasonable degree of certainty after systematic development work, and comprehensive investigation. Unless people putting money into mines in the development stage are prepared to go through with it properly, and will bring their business acumen and commonsense reasoning to bear on the evidence, as to merit and demerit disclosed while the work progresses, and be guided thereby, it were probably better for themselves and the industry if they never touched mining.

The formation of mining companies with insufficient capital for thorough development, arranging treatment, plants, etc., and making a market valuation before development work enables the value of the mines to be summed up, too often leads to one section of the community profiting out of the pockets of another section, while the chances of anyone profiting out of the intrinsic merits of the mines or the mineral resources of the State being creditably exploited, are beautifully vague.

A hand to mouth policy simply courts disaster, for such procedure as "pig-rooting" underground instead of systematic mining only necessitates additional capital being found to place a good mine in working order, and prolongs the agony in the case of worthless propositions. Once a mine is fully developed the economics of mining and ore-treatment can be decided in the best interests of the company without difficulty, and if the gambling element be eliminated so as to leave no room for market-made mines, but only a share-market value created by the ore-reserves, prospects of regular dividends, proofs of permanency, etc., mining investors and speculators would have a far better "run for their money" and the moral tone of the industry in New South Wales would be brought up to the level of that governing other branches of sound industrial commercial enterprise.

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LAW REPORT.

IN BANCO.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and Mr. Justice Street.)

ADMISSION OF SOLICITORS.

The following gentlemen, having passed the necessary examination, were admitted as solicitors on Saturday:—William Burton Halloran, Arthur Wakefield Simpson, and Carl Mueller (solicitor, of Victoria), Alexander O'Rorke (solicitor, of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Ireland), and Reginald Blackley Turner (of the Supreme Court of Queensland) were conditionally admitted, and the conditional admission of Francis Alexander Watson was confirmed.

IN PROBATE.

The following probates and letters of administration have been granted during the week:—J. E. Hamilton, M. Keating, S. Parker, T. H. Robinson, C. Simpson, J. Perring, W. A. Sly, J. E. W. Paul, M. Farrell, E. E. Cogens, L. Counsell, F. M. Bucknell, O. Cashmore, A. R. Rawlinson, N. Bailey, W. G. Willington, J. U. C. Colyer, J. Matthison, F. Mao, S. Moore, J. Taylor, J. Edwards, R. Gallard, E. C. Thury, J. Preston, C. F. Raymond, C. J. Palmer, O. Thomson, J. Rosch, W. A. Prasser, J. Cooke, A. K. Hall, E. Jackson, C. W. Phillips, E. S. Hungerford, J. J. Bentley, M. Mahoney, R. H. Coate, W. Webster, G. Coulson, T. G. Bailey, G. Philben, A. Jenkins, E. Tompsett, A. Ross, F. J. Smith, C. Young, G. W. Wykes, P. Sheridan, M. Jones, W. Hutson, J. Clark, P. Finnerty, J. Woodford, H. M. Brancker, R. W. Jones, E. Mueller, E. Logan, M. H. Fell, J. W. West, M. E. Hawley, G. J. Bennett, C. W. Stephen, W. T. Rigney, J. B. S. Wilkins, L. P. Nicholls, W. W. Stace, A. Anderson, R. Long.

LAW NOTICES.

MONDAY, MARCH 14.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—To be taken in Banco Court.—Divorce appeal: Townsend v Townsend (Fisher and Samson co-respondents), part heard.

Cause List.—No. 2 Court, in No. 3 Court, King-street.—Millar and another v Lyne, Hole v Williams, Persin Singh v Williamson and another.

Protho notary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—Blunden v Blunden, 11 a.m. Before the Chief Clerk.—Rieger v Rieger, 10.15 a.m.; Hall v Hall and Wakefield, 10.15 a.m.; Leman v Leman and Benford, 10.30 a.m.; Smith v Smith, 10.30 a.m.; Hordern and another v Patent Excavator Contracting Company, Ltd., 10.30 a.m.

Notice is hereby intimated that during the present week all non-contentious matters in Chambers will be taken by Mr. Justice Pring; and all contentious matters in Public Chambers will be taken by Mr. Justice Sly.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.: Ex parte Mathieson, to rescind declaration, part heard; Macpherson v Macpherson, to set aside declaration, etc.; Bobbie v Molesworth, re costs; ex parte M'Kay, prohibition; Godfrey v Ward, for security.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Thursday, March 10, 1910.—The sittings for the trial of causes in the Banco Court and the No. 1 Jury Court are hereby postponed from Monday, the 14th day of March instant, to Thursday, the 17th day of March instant; and the Full Court will sit as of the first term from Monday, the 14th day of March instant, to Wednesday, the 16th day of March instant, both days inclusive, for the part-heard case of Townsend v Townsend, Fisher and Samson co-respondents; provided, however, that Saturday, the 12th day of March instant, shall not be reckoned as part of the first term.—W. P. Cullen, C.J.; H. E. Cohen, J.; Robert D. Pring, J.

In Equity.—Before his Honour the Chief Judge, at 10 a.m.: In the matter of Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, Act, for consent to appointment of Trustee Company as trustee; Singh v Brown and another, notice for injunction, etc.; Means v Means, A.L., Shire of Wellaroba, part heard. Before the Deputy Registrar, at 11 a.m.: Sheppard v Walker, to settle minutes of order. Before the Chief Clerk in Equity, at 12 noon: Fitzgerald v Fitzgerald, to vouch accounts.

Probate Jurisdiction.—There will be no sittings of the Probate Court on Monday. The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—Hon. J. T. Toohey, 10.30; James Brown, 11.30; Arthur Ranken, 12.

In Divorce.—Before Mr. Justice Sly, in No. 1 Jury Court, at 10; Hearing of causes.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar, at 10 a.m.:—Creditors' petition: George Edward Bryant and Walter John Keep v N. P. Daly; Susan Jane Palmer v Jonathan Wiley. Certificate application: Sydney John Magee, Simeon Solomon Moses, Michael Somers. Single meeting: Colin Fraser. Examination under section 20: William Edward Asprey, Alfred Hirst.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

Before his Honour Judge Heydon.—At 10 a.m.: For judgment, re Australian Workers' Union (Queensland Labourers) Board, re nomination of employees' representatives. For hearing, re Milk Industry (Carters, etc.) Board award, by D. Maguire, to vary; re Shipping Board's award, by Sydney Coal and Deckhands' Union, for leave to appeal; re Plumbers and Gasfitters' (Cumberland) Board's award, by Master Builders' Association, for leave to appeal; same award, by Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Limited, for same; re same award, by Master Plumbers' Association, for same; same award, by Operative Plumbers' Society, for leave to appeal against variation of above award; Shop Assistants' Federation of Australia, for board for storemen and packers.

INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.

Before the Industrial Registrar, at 10.30 a.m.: For hearing, re Plumbers and Gasfitters' (Cumberland) award, application by W. Murphy. At 10.45 a.m.: To be mentioned, re Shop Assistants' (Metropolitan) award, application under clause 10, by C. Gourlay. For hearing, re Clothing (Tailoring) award, application under clause 19, by R. C. Hagon.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

John Williams, embezzlement; Robert Hawkins, assault with intent.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Appeals against magistrates' decisions: Patrick Beston, assaulting constable; Joseph Lawson, attempting to steal from the person; John Limberg, endeavouring to impose; John Thomas Short, riotous behaviour; malicious damage; Mary Herman, stealing from the person.

LIST OF CAUSES.

MARCH-APRIL SITTINGS.

BANCO COURT.

Monday, March 14.—Guy v Wilson and another, Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways v Lucas.

Tuesday, March 15.—Cope and another v Hart, Cameron and others, Pengelly, Ralston v Green, the Anchor Fence, Limited, v Marks and others.

Wednesday, March 16.—Musingham v Russell, Brown v the Minister, Hughes and another v Jefferies.

Friday, March 18.—Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners v Gardner and another, Newrie v the General Accident, Fire, and Life Association Corporation, Limited.

Monday, March 21.—Strachan v Fairfax and another.

Wednesday, March 23.—Greene v Dimmock, Cleaver v Mackinnon.

Thursday, March 31.—Baker v Richmond and another. Note.—The sittings for the trial of causes in Banco Court will not commence until Tuesday, 17th inst.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

Monday, March 14.—Boyd v Boyd, Macpherson v Macpherson.

Tuesday, March 15.—Evans v Williams, Wootler v Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, Toomey v Pastoral Finance Association, Limited.

Thursday, March 17.—Bell v Watkins.

Monday, March 21.—Samuel v Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways.

Tuesday, March 22.—Johnson v the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.

Wednesday, March 30.—M'Hugh v Gaddes.

Note.—The sittings for the trial of causes in No. 1 Jury Court will not commence until Thursday, 17th inst.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

Monday, March 14.—Millar and another v Lyne, Hole v Williams, Persin Singh v Williamson and another. Tuesday, March 15.—Mitchell v Bentley, Dorman and another v Boyne, Ellis v Digby and another. Wednesday, March 16.—Gee v Tynan, Booker v Hocking.

Tuesday, March 22.—Scott v Hutchinson.

Wednesday, March 30.—Moulden v Dodd.

Thursday, March 31.—Perks, Dane, and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., v Abrahams.

POLICE COURTS.

CHANGE FOR VALUELESS CHEQUES.

Before Mr. Clarke, S.M., on Friday, at the Central Police Court, Thomas William Cliff, 53, a cook, was charged with having obtained £3 8s from William Hunt by means of valueless cheques, with intent to defraud. The evidence for the prosecution was that the accused went to the Benatorial Hotel, Surry Hills, of which Hunt was the licensee, and called for drinks, for which he presented the cheques in payment. One of the cheques was marked "wages," and was purported to have been paid at Newcastle. They were returned marked "no account."

At the close of the prosecution Sergeant Mankey applied for a committal on the ground that the punishment inflicted at a police court would not be adequate, as accused had been before the court on similar charges.

Cliff was committed for trial.

STOLEN OFF THE COUNTER.

Before Mr. Love, D.S.M., on Friday, at the Water Police Court, two young girls, Olivia and Ivy Snow, were charged with stealing a bag containing a gold watch and pencil, valued at £10, the property of Miss Rosa Bowman. The prosecutrix was out shopping, and when at Farmer and Company's establishment left the bag on the counter, and the two accused a little later were arrested at Mark Foy's place of business for shoplifting. The watch was found near them. Olivia Snow admitted the theft, and said that her sister knew nothing about it. Ivy Snow was consequently discharged, and Olivia was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, the magistrate remarking that a fine apparently was no deterrent to her, as she had previously offended, and had been fined.

AN OLD OFFENDER.

At the Newtown Police Court on Friday, before Mr. King, S.M., William Leigh, alias Louis Cronier, alias Mounier, alias Louis Maillet, alias William Louis Le Banch, alias Cronier, a Frenchman, aged 56, was charged with having, in unlawful purpose, been found in an enclosed yard of Sydney Edwards, Lyons and Bridge roads, Camperdown, on March 10. The accused pleaded guilty. It was stated that he was a very old offender, and had been convicted, among other offences, of stealing and housebreaking on eleven different occasions. He was ordered to be imprisoned with hard labour for six months.

ALLEGED UNREGISTERED DOCTOR.

A FINE OF £50.

At the Newtown Police Court on Friday, before Mr. King, S.M., Fernand Charles De Rives of Hurstville, was proceeded against by Detective Bradley, on a charge of having, in November, at Hurstville, used a description implying that he was a legally qualified medical practitioner, when he was not one within the meaning of the Medical Practitioners Act.

Mr. Bathgate, of the Crown Law Department, appeared for the prosecution; and Mr. J. W. Abigail for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Abigail intimated that he did not intend to call evidence at that stage, as he intended to apply for a prohibition.

Defendant was fined £50, and 6s costs, in default imprisonment for four months. A month was allowed to pay the fine, in order to give defendant time to prosecute the appeal.

"MILITARISM'S AWFUL SPELL."

AUSTRALIA'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

Members of various arms of the citizen forces attended a special church parade at the Paddington Methodist Church yesterday. There was a large congregation, the central portion of the church being reserved for the military. The Rev. J. E. Carruthers preached the sermon.

Mr. Carruthers' text was "Better is he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." He took it that the motto of his soldier audiences was "defence, and not offence," and that they were enrolled more for the purpose of keeping than taking a city—for the maintenance of the commonwealth and Empire. Might the day be far distant when they would be called upon to take up arms for this purpose, and might the day be equally remote when necessity should link them with the Imperial forces generally in any war that may be necessary in vindication of the honour, the interests, or the territory of the great Empire to which it was their pride and glory to belong. No one can but deplore the extent to which the militarism of the nations was carried to-day. When what he called the "gunpowder bill" of the world amounted to £300,000,000 per annum, it was nearly time for someone to cry a halt. This vast sum was for the most part wrung from the pockets of the people by oppressive taxation—the poor still further impoverished. Let them think of the hundreds of thousands of stalwart men withdrawn from reproductive occupations, and of the serious interference with industry involved therein. Let them also think of the constant menace to the world's peace by the fact that the nations were continually sitting on the safety valve of a fiery volcano, with the seething fires of militarism burning below, and struggling for vent, and of the awful and inevitable carnage when the next great war occurred, and the mighty engines of naval and military warfare were brought into play on a scale unexampled in the world's history. It might be very well said that the nation that was strong enough to rise up and break this awful spell of militarism—strong enough in its own military strength and in its moral courage to do it—would prove itself a world's benefactor. The world needed to be demonstrated that there belonged to the people that could rule its own spirit rather than to the nation that aggressively sought to extend its frontiers by taking cities and subjugating peoples. The conscience of the world was calling for something of the kind. Occasions for the settlement by tribunal by arbitration of the differences of nations shall be adjusted. But it was a far cry to the realisation of the poet's dream, "When the war drum throbs no longer."

Possibly it would be through much tribulation that the world would come into its kingdom of peace, "and," continued Mr. Carruthers, "I am one of those who hold that until that comes to pass our duty is plain. Imperial defence must be provided for, and Imperial supremacy be maintained at all costs; and Australia must take her place in the camps as well as in the councils of the Empire. And she is to keep her shores intact and fulfil her great destiny amongst the nations of the earth, a new and more sober sense of responsibility is coming over us in reference to these matters. We are not eager for war.

"We hate it, and we hate it more only be the last resort of honour and self-respecting nations. But it behoves us to be ready for any emergency, and to act up to the spirit and letter of Shakespeare's oft-repeated counsel, 'Beware of entrance to a quarrel, but, being in, bear it, that the opposer may beware of thee.'"

In Australia to-day they were inaugurating the new and extensive system of defence under the provisions of which every young man would be required to contribute his quota of service to the State. They were identifying themselves as never before with the naval and military forces of the Empire. Australia was recognising the call to fall into line with the other nations of the world in regard to the profession of arms, and to take upon herself the full responsibility of nationhood. Some might regret, or affect to oppose, but they were under the compulsion of circumstances, and duty to their country demanded the payment of the tribute.

RECHABITES.

The biennial meeting of the Independent Order of Rechabites was continued in the Oddfellows' Temple on Friday. Bro. C. W. C. Marr, P.G., presided. Considerable attention was given to proposals for the alteration of and additions to general laws. The funeral fund benefits were increased to £20 from the present £15, and £25 after 25 years' membership, £30 after 14 years, and £35 after 21 years. The law relating to admission of members was amended to admit members up to 45 years of age. Previously the age was limited to 40.

Bro. W. E. Lingard, of Ipswich, Queensland, a member of the board or directors of the Queensland annuity office, was welcomed to the session, and conveyed fraternal greetings from his district. He referred to the rapid increase of members of the order in Queensland.

The district Chief Ruler presided at tea, and extended a welcome to representatives of other societies.

Alderman W. J. Walker, president of the Centennial Park Association, congratulated the Rechabite Order on the success which had attended their year's work. He drew attention to the proposal to establish a medical institute for New South Wales.

The election of officers took place at the evening session, and resulted as follows:—District chief ruler, Bro. A. Rosenberg (Broken Hill); district vice-chief ruler, Bro. J. Wilson; district treasurer, Bro. C. W. S. Read; district levite, Bro. D. V. Valentine; district councillors, Bros. Kirk, W. H. Atwell, and S. Youngworth; district superintendent of juveniles, Bro. J. R. O'Donnell; members of the juvenile committee, Bros. W. J. Crisp, W. H. O'Donnell, F. Chapman, and W. Dixon; auditors, Bros. Hordern and Bell, Bro. Norther; juvenile committee, Bros. T. Canning, J. H. Kirk, D. V. Valentine, J. J. Pritchard, T. Markham, J. Cunnington, and C. Dyson; assistant secretary, Bro. J. Cooke (Central).

The sitting were resumed on Saturday morning. An alteration was made in the law relating to female tents, providing for full sick fund benefits to members transferring to female tents from that of initiation in the case of those who have been juvenile members for not less than 12 months. Mr. John Compiin, secretary of the New South Wales Alliance, attended, and conveyed greetings on behalf of that organisation.

On an invitation from the Newcastle delegates, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting in the Newcastle district.

On the motion of Bro. I. Jacob, P.D.C.R., seconded by Bro. W. Crisp, Bro. Lingard was appointed to take the erection of district council-chambers without delay. It was also decided that a one-story building be erected, with walls to carry additional stories if required, and that the plans should be submitted by Bro. J. H. Wise, P.D.C.R., be adopted.

The newly-elected D.C.R., Bro. J. Rosenberg (Broken Hill), in returning thanks for his election, referred upon him, expressed the hope that the future of the order in New South Wales would be even brighter and better than in the past. He intended to devote his energies to the work of extending the membership of the Order.

Bros. J. H. Wise, D.D.R., J. K. O'Donnell, D.S.G.T., C. W. S. Read, D.T., D. V. Valentine, D.S., and J. H. Kirk, W. H. Atwell, and S. Townsend, district councillors, also expressed thanks for their election.

The work of the New South Wales Alliance in connection with the movement to establish a medical institute was referred to in the report of the delegates to that organisation. The report was adopted. A sum of 10 guineas was voted to the New South Wales Alliance.

Bro. J. H. Wise presented his report as representative to the Friendly Societies' Association, which dealt fully with the proposed establishment of a Friendly Societies' Institute. The report was adopted, and it was decided to refer the matter to tents for consideration. The following were appointed to represent the Order on the United Friendly Societies' Council:—Bros. J. Greenstreet, W. H. Atwell, A. Cooper, and W. Finch.

A letter, conveying fraternal greetings from the standing committee of the I.O.O.F., was read.

DOGS' HOME SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the committee of the Dogs' Home Society of N.S.W. was held at the Town Hall on Friday afternoon, Mrs. R. D. Mackinnon presiding. It was resolved to invite Sir William M'Millan to accept the position of president. A communication was received from Lady Poore, accepting the position of one of the patrons. A communication was also received from the Chief Secretary, intimating that the formation of the home was receiving his attention. A motion for the appointment of executive officers was carried, and the officers were nominated. Mrs. Griffin, of the Ladies' Kennel Club, was appointed hon. treasurer. The hon. secretary reported that £31 had been received as subscriptions. It was resolved to adopt the rules of the Dogs Home at Battersea, in England.

PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS.

Messrs. Griffith and Hassel, patent attorneys, of 163 King-street, Sydney, and 9 Queen-street, Melbourne, report that the following applications for patents have been lodged by them at the Commonwealth Patent Office for N.S.W. applicants during the past week:—

Albert E. Furness: An improved valve and controlling mechanism therefor, for use in connection with flushing cisterns and the like.

Ernest A. March: Improved mechanical means for operating hay presses and the like.

D. J. Lane: An improved spark extinguisher for use in connection with locomotive or other steam boiler furnaces.

Edgar N. Davies: An improvement in the internal construction of inferential turbine water meters.

FIRE AT CAMPSIE.

A fire broke out at 1.5 a.m. on Saturday in the shop of Mr. William Flynn, grocer, of Beamish-street, Campsie. Detachments of the fire brigade from Campsie, Canterbury, and Marrickville attended, but the flames had too good a hold, and the building, consisting of six weatherboard rooms and the shop, was almost destroyed. Very little of the stock was saved. The premises, which were valued at £330, were insured for £250, and the stock, valued at £70, was insured at £50. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained. Mr. Flynn was working in the shop up till 10 p.m. on Friday, and then left for his home at Dulwich Hill.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE FUND.

At the monthly meeting of the Queen's Jubilee Fund, the following sub-committee for the ensuing two months was appointed:—Mrs. Harris, Miss Mort, Miss Parkes, Mrs. Stephen, and Mrs. West. A letter was received from Mrs. Eric Mackay stating that she was reluctantly compelled to resign her seat on the council, as she was leaving for England for an indefinite time. The resignation was accepted with regret. Twelve cases were investigated, and the sum of £63 2s 6d was voted for their relief.

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BRIDGE.—The Friends of the late Mrs. ELLEN BRIDGE are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave Berowra, 2 Belmore-street, Rozelle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery.
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BRIDGE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM BRIDGE, of Temple, are kindly requested to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved GRANDMOTHER, Mrs. William Bridge; to move from No. 2 Belmore-street, Rozelle, TO-DAY, at 2 p.m., for the Field of Mars Cemetery.

BRIGGS.—The Friends of the late Mrs. FANNY S. BRIGGS will leave her late residence, 488 Marrickville-road, Marrickville, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 3.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Newtown station. By request, no flowers.
F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker,
King and Brown streets, Newtown.
Tel., 182 N. and Railway-parade, Hogarth.

BRIGGS.—The Friends of FREDERICK, OSWALD, ESMERALDA, and AUBREY BRIGGS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved MOTHER, Fanny S. Briggs; to leave her late residence, 488 Marrickville-road, Marrickville, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 3.45, for Rookwood. No flowers.

BRIGGS.—The Friends of Mrs. A. LEES and Misses MARY, FLORENCE, LILLIE, and NELLIE BRIGGS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved MOTHER, Fanny S. Briggs; to leave her late residence, 488 Marrickville-road, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.45, for Rookwood, C.E. Cem.

BROOM.—The Funeral of the late ANNIE BROOM will leave Mortuary Station, Regent-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, by 2.22 Funeral Train, for Necropolis.
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CROSSIN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN CROSSIN and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON and BROTHER, Michael John; to leave 567 Bourke-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis.
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DARRAGH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FRANCIS DARRAGH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-loved INFANT DAUGHTER, Callista Florence Darragh. Train leaves Sydney 2.10 for Rutherland R.C. Cemetery.
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GORMAN.—The Friends of the late MICHAEL ALBERT GORMAN are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, The Glen, Allison-road, Randwick, THIS MONDAY, at 12.30 p.m., for Rookwood Independent Cemetery. No flowers.
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GORMAN.—The Friends of Mrs. SARAH GORMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND, Michael Albert; to leave The Glen, Allison-road, Randwick, THIS MONDAY, at 12.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
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GORMAN.—The Friends of Mr. CORNELIUS GORMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved BROTHER, Michael Albert; to leave The Glen, Allison-road, Randwick, THIS MONDAY, at 12.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
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GORMAN.—The Friends of Mrs. ELIZABETH ANN GORMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved BROTHER, Michael Albert Gorman; to leave The Glen, Allison-road, Randwick, THIS MONDAY, at 12.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
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GORMAN.—The Friends of Messrs. ALFRED, SAMUEL, and CON. GORMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FATHER; to leave The Glen, Allison-road, Randwick, THIS MONDAY, at 12.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
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GORMAN.—The Friends of Mrs. ANN, HOGAN, of Mrs. PARKER, Mrs. DEGARDI, and Mr. C. McELROY are invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved UNCLE, Mr. M. A. Gorman; to leave his late residence, The Glen, Allison-road, Randwick, TO-DAY, at 12.30, for Rookwood.

COURT ROBIN HOOD, A.O.F.—The Officers and Members of the above Lodge and Order are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late Bro., MICHAEL ALBERT GORMAN, late District Trustee; to leave his late residence, The Glen, Allison-road, Randwick, THIS (Monday) DAY, at 12.30 p.m., for the C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

HEAVEN.—The Funeral of the late CHRISTINA HEAVEN will leave her late residence, Hughesden, Cyder Bay, New-street, Lavender Bay, THIS (Monday) MORNING, at 8.30 o'clock, for service at Christ Church, Lavender Bay, and thence to Gore Hill Cemetery.
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KILDUFF.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FRANK KILDUFF, of Springwood, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved INFANT SON, Vincent George; to leave his late residence, Whiting-street, Leichhardt, for Rookwood R.C. Cemetery, via Petersham.

KING.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. KING are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON, Ernest; to leave St. Elmo, Yule-street, Dulwich Hill, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for the Necropolis, via Lewisham Station.
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LADY.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. JANE EUDORA LADY will move from St. John's Church, Glebe, and St. John's-road, Glebe, THIS MONDAY, at 2.50, for Waverley Cemetery.
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MCLAFFERTY.—The Friends of Mrs. ELLEN McCLAFFERTY and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly-beloved SON and their BROTHER, Manus; to move from 82 Phillip-street, Balmain, THIS MONDAY, at 1.45 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery.
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7 Elizabeth-st., city; and Darling-st., Balmain.

MCLAFFERTY.—The Friends of Mrs. SARAH McCLAFFERTY and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved NEPHEW and COUSIN, Manus McClafferty; to leave 82 Phillip-street, Balmain, THIS MONDAY, at 1.45, for Waverley.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Ltd., Undertakers.

MAL SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS, Balmain Branch.—The Officers and Members are invited to attend the Funeral of our late Brother, MANUS McCLAFFERTY; to leave his late residence, 82 Phillip-street, Balmain, THIS DAY, Monday, at 1.45 p.m., for the Waverley Cem. T. Monaghan, Pres.; S. Kirby, Sec.

MACKENZIE.—The Friends of Mr. K. MACKENZIE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly-loved HUSBAND, Kenneth, which will move from his late residence, Holbeck, Allen-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis, via Petersham station.
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MULLIGAN.—The Funeral of the late Mr. FRANCIS BENEDICT MULLIGAN will leave his late residence, Arrawatta, Hampden-avenue, Neutral Bay, THIS DAY, at 3 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
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MURPHY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH MURPHY, Mr. and Mrs. HENRY MURPHY, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN, and Mr. WILLIAM MURPHY, and Mr. and Mrs. WARD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER, James Murphy; to leave 581 Riley-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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O'FARRELL.—The Friends of Mrs. ROBERT O'FARRELL and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved HUSBAND and FATHER; to leave 46 Wardell-road, Petersham, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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PITT.—The Friends of Mr. JAMES PITT are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dear MOTHER, Frances Winifred Tucker; to leave his residence, 91 Mi-street, Mortdale, TO-DAY, Monday, at 2.30, by train leaving Central Railway Station 2.10, for Wonlora Cemetery. ALLERDICE and CO., Undertakers.

SAYERS.—The Funeral of Miss CLARA SAYERS will leave Melrose, Military-road, Mosman, at 3 p.m., TO-DAY, for St. Thomas' Cemetery, North Sydney.
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TRAVIS.—The Friends of Mr. ARTHUR J. TRAVIS and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-loved WIFE, Lucy Rixon, which will move from St. Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, THIS (Monday) MORNING, at 8.30 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis.
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TRAVIS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. TRAVIS and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-loved DAUGHTER and their SISTER, Lucy Rixon; to leave St. Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, THIS (Monday) MORNING, at 8.30 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis.
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TRAVIS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY LEE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Lucy Travis; to leave the Mortuary Station, Redfern, THIS (Monday) MORNING, at 9.28, for Rookwood Cemetery.

TYNAN.—The Friends of the Family of the late Mrs. ELIZABETH TYNAN are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave Chapel-road, Bankstown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock, for Bankstown R.C. Cemetery.
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TYNAN.—The Friends and Relations of the Sons and Daughters of Mrs. ELIZABETH TYNAN, relict of the late James Tynan, of Chapel-road, Bankstown, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late MOTHER; to leave her residence, Chapel-road, Bankstown, TO-DAY, at 4 o'clock, for Bankstown Cemetery.

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YARDMAN, 20s, 1st-class country hotel, ex. tips.
STATION HANDS, Cowra, 20s, general work.
DAIRY FARM HANDS, 15s; 10 Lads, mixed farm, 10s.
LEFT ATTENDANT, 40s, city hydraulic, references.
GARDENER, drive, mow, g. useful, 15s, suburbs.
MILKMAN, use separator, 30s, meet gent. 12.
POULTRYMAN, £3, Tamworth, underst. incubators.
FARM HANDS, plough, drive team, 20s, 30s.
GARDENER, station, 20s; Man, garden, milk, etc., 20s.
STATION LAD, milk, ride, 15s, meet squatter 11.
PORTER, C. DRIVER, 30s; pakeman, 25s. Gent. 11.
LAUNDRESS, 30s; Female Cook, 25s; L. Help, 15s.

KITCHENMAN wanted. Carlton Mansion, corner of Wigram and Glebe rds, Glebe Point.

LAUNDRY.—Good WAHRER, early, Warren's Surrey, 101 Pitt-st, near Bank's Head-rd, Darling Point.

LAUNDRY.—Shirt and Collar Ironers. Federal Laundry. Double Bay, 1d sec. from Wm.-st. Fare paid.

LAUNDRY.—Wanted, Washer, constant work. Apply 1 Milton Laundry, Milton-st, Ashfield.

LAUNDRY.—Wanted, Collar Machinists, 22s 6d wk.; Starch Ironers. Sunlight Ldy., Lackey-st, Summer H.

LAUNDRY.—Wanted, Shirt-Ironer, Plain Ironer, and Machine. Rosebery Laun., Earl-st, Mosman.

LADY HELPS, to wanted, one care children, other cooking, house duties, 2 adults, Dr. Stephen's, 328 Liverpool-st.

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LAUNDRY.—Wanted, Washers, Polishers, and Rangeout. Sydney Steam Laundry, Crown-Stanley sts.

LIGHT GENERAL, 3 family, 2 adults, 2 children, all holidays, wages 15s. 20 Oxford-st, Bondi Junc.

LAUNDRY.—Exp. Sorter or Girl to learn, Cal. Girls, and Hanger-out. Laundry, 202 Waverley-rd, White.

LAUNDRY.—Wanted, a good Shirt Ironer. Waverley Laundry, 44 Bronte-rd, Waverley.

LAUNDRY.—Wanted, Starch and Plain Ironer. Model Laundry, 188 Regent-st, Redfern.

LADY HELP, 5 in fam., assistance given, no wash., liberal outings, 7s. Albert-st, Petersham.

LAUNDRY Wanted, WASHER, 3 days a week. Australian Laundry, 80 Dowling-st, Paddington.

LAUNDRY.—Exp. Shirt Machinist, good Shirt Ironer, new fashion. Paris Laundry, 112 Rourke-st, Redf.

LAUNDRY.—Wanted, Machinist and Plain Ironer. Apply L'dyowner, Bunday Bunch-st, Newtown.

LAUNDRY Collar Mach., also smart Girls for folding. Packer's Imp. Laundry, 29 Hereford-st, Glebe.

LAUNDRY.—3 good Ironers, starch work, coats, pants, constant. Custom Laundry, Forest-st, Petersham.

LADY HELP (one), down to cook, or wash'g. care 2 children, 10.30 a.m.; Lady Help, 3 in fam., 7s, Woollahra; Cook-H'keeper, 16s, Mrs. HANSH (2), milk, k